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Beginning this week: 'Celladore'



Beckie Bailey's journals from a decade home-steading in Bethel, before the coming of electricity.

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New scholarship will honor the memory of the late Rocky Freda

By ALISON ALOISIO

A pizza party Feb. 2 at the Matterhorn restaurant will be the first of an annual series to raise funds for a college scholarship in memory of Rocky Freda.

The event, organized by the Bethel Rotary Club, has already attracted sponsorships from a variety of area businesses and organizations, including the Upper Androscoggin Anglers Alliance.

Freda, who died in 2009, was a Maine Guide, an avid angler and president of the UAAA. He also owned and operated Sun Valley Sports, which offers snowmobile tours and rentals, among other outdoor activities.

The scholarship organizers hope people from the fishing and snowmobiling communities, as well as the community at large will turn out to support the first of a planned annual fundraiser.

The Rotary Club traditionally offers a half dozen of its own scholarships to gradu-

ating seniors at Telstar High School and Gould Academy, who live in area towns. A Freda Scholarship would be added to that group, according to Rotarian Scott Hynek.

"Every dime that comes in [from the pizza party] will be used to fund one or more Rocky Freda Scholarships," Hynek said Monday.

In recent history, he said, the club has offered scholarships in the \$1,000 range, and a Freda scholarship would likely be of a similar amount.

"We hope to at least do that," Hynek said.

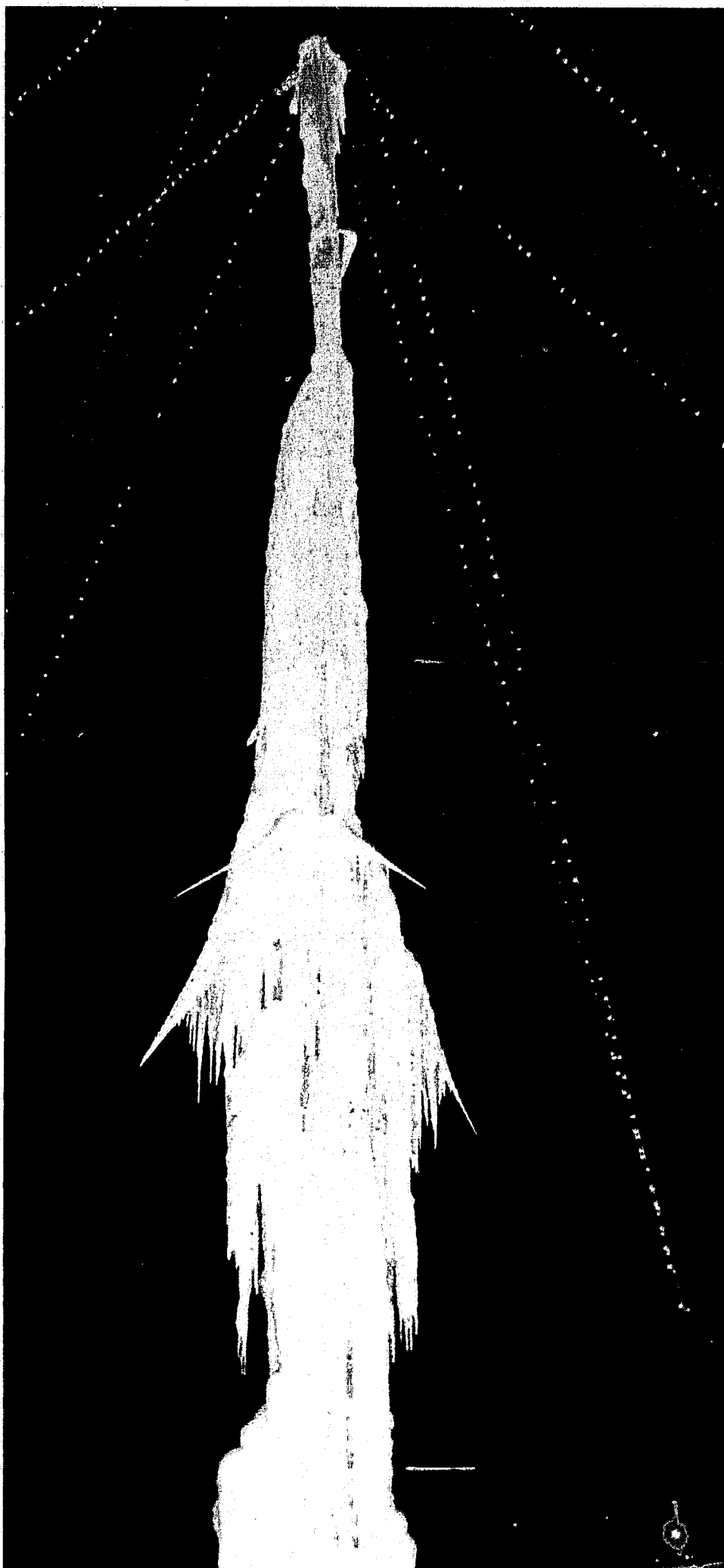
Lisa Freda, Rocky's widow, described what the effort means to her:

"Anyone who knew Rocky, knew how much he loved the outdoors, his family, this community and the people in it.

"To have a scholarship in his name to help a local student with the same love and passions as his is wonderful.

See SCHOLARSHIP, Page 4

Just growin' with the flow



Predawn Saturday, temperature hovering near zero, the Ice Tower in Bethel Station dribbles its way skyward. At this point the tower had achieved an altitude of about 80 feet, according to project engineer Jim Sysko. The target height is 120 feet or more, but that won't happen during next week's WinterFest 2011, Sysko said. "This is an all-winter project, not a WinterFest thing," he said. And, while ice climbers on the tower are still a possibility (provided they deem it safe enough and are willing to sign waivers), "first we have to fatten it up some, and that won't be for WinterFest."

(Photo: M. Daniels)

WinterFest 2011 gets underway Saturday

CITIZEN STAFF

Bethel's weeklong WinterFest kicks off Saturday.

The festival is the latest edition of a tradition of winter celebrations that dates back to 1960s.

Over the years the festival activities have included the choosing of "queens," a Snowbox Derby and Polar Plunge, rides in hot-air balloons, a show of antique sleds and groomers, ice and snow sculpting, and — perhaps the festival tradition's greatest hit — the building in 1999 of "The World's Tallest Snowman."

This year's festival will offer activities and displays including the Ice Mountain on Festival Plaza; Nordic, alpine, snowshoe and snowmobile events; ice skating; snow-roamer rides; scenic helicopter rides; as well as the Mt. Abram 50th anniversary celebration and the Main Street Rail Jam.

The Rail Jam ski and snowboard competition, scheduled for Thursday, Jan. 27 on lower Main Street, will affect the traffic pattern that afternoon and evening, according to the Bethel Area Chamber of Commerce.

Setup is expected to start in the early afternoon and continue until 5 p.m. During that time, traffic coming into Bethel on lower Main will flow uninterrupted. Traffic going down the street will be detoured onto Mechanic Street.

From 5 to approximately 9 p.m., during the competitions, the lower end of Main Street will be closed and all traffic will be rerouted onto Mechanic Street.

The Main Street inbound lane will be open as soon as possible after the competition is done, but outbound traffic should plan to use Mechanic Street until well after 10 p.m. (Clark Street, the Sudbury Inn, and ChoSun Restaurant will be accessible for the entire duration of the event.)

For more information on the Jan. 22-30 WinterFest, and a complete schedule, go to Page 12, or www.bethelmaine.com.

MDEA agents arrest two here for dealing in prescription drugs

By TONY REAVES, Sun Media Group

Maine drug enforcement agents arrested two men in Bethel and Greenwood last Thursday afternoon, on charges of selling prescription medication.

After an investigation, the Maine Drug Enforcement Administration arrested David B. Cherkis, 32, of Greenwood, and Christopher E. LeClair, 32, of Bethel, MDEA supervisor Gerry Baril said Friday.

Baril said the MDEA obtained warrants for both men. He said when Cherkis was arrested at his home, he was found with hypodermic needles, five Vicodin tablets and 20 Xanax tablets wrapped in cellophane wrappers for distribution.

Baril said the pills are often

crushed, dissolved in water and injected.

LeClair was spotted on the street by Deputy George Cayer of the Oxford County Sheriff's Office, Baril said. Police found 32 methadone tablets, and 14 Xanax on him.

"It's our belief, based on the evidence we found in Cherkis' home, that LeClair was on his way to meet with Cherkis to exchange the Xanax for Vicodin."

Cherkis faces two charges of unlawful trafficking in scheduled drugs and two charges of violating bail conditions. LeClair was charged with unlawful trafficking in scheduled drugs and violating bail conditions.

Neither man is eligible for bail.

'Celladore,' Beckie Bailey's journals from 1954 to 1964

Editor's note: This week The Bethel Citizen begins publication of "Celladore," a project which we expect will last for two or three years. The "Celladore" manuscript, typed by a niece from Beckie Bailey's handwritten notes, was brought to our attention by Jewel Clark, who graciously agreed to allow us to share "Celladore" with our readers, and who has provided the following introduction to Beckie and her "baby." —MRD

By JEWEL CLARK

Throughout much of her 89 years, Rebecca Williamson Carter Bailey, better known as Beckie Bailey, lived here in Bethel where she was a beloved relative to some, an en-

deared friend to more, and overall an unforgettable member of this community. Encountering Beckie generally left one with a definite impression, quite often that being intrigued and enamored.

She possessed intellect, articulation, flair, confidence, yet also was extremely practical and unimpressed by a lot of what she considered "modern technology." One close friend aptly described her as a "cross between Katherine Hepburn and Granny Clam-pett."

Along with her husband Bruce Bailey, they were sometimes compared to Scott and Helen Nearing, another New England couple who became

well known for their "back to basics" lifestyle. Both Bruce and Beckie were well educated, well traveled, both served in the armed forces during World War II and both shared a taste for adventure.

Whether crossing the western plains, managing a Cape Cod estate, or enjoying city life in Manhattan, they thrived wherever they landed and all the while establishing what would become lifelong close relationships with countless respected, "worldly" friends. Eventually however, they chose to settle down on an old farm at the end of a dirt road in Bethel where they spent the last half of their lives creating a beautiful home and sur-

roundings where friends came and relished the comfortable, simplistic, grounding atmosphere. One visitor, after initially seeing "Skyfields" (the name Beckie and Bruce used for their home) and meeting Beckie and Bruce for the first time even said, "This is not only what I want Heaven to look like when I get there, but that's also who I want to be!"

Their home and lifestyle reflected their respect for the environment and land preservation, a love of animals (especially horses), a high regard for education, a great interest in history, current events, psychology, gardening, a passion for books, art, music and their endless innovative abilities. They were closely associated with the National Training Laboratories, they originated a long-standing area "book club," Beckie often taught at Gould Academy and also gave Elderhostel lectures, Bruce was adept at leather work, blacksmithing, and also worked for the Bethel Water

District for many years.

Although Beckie and Bruce positively influenced countless lives, like so many others of their priceless vanishing generation they departed life quietly, without fanfare, no funerals, not even an obituary...at least that was Beckie's orders. She was not one for being the planned focus of attention; however, she did leave something behind that will bring some attention to both her and Bruce now...a 254 page manuscript. Although she used a fictional title called "Celladore." The manuscript is an entertaining account of events during their first 10 years at Skyfields.

It's obvious the Baileys and their home greatly influenced me and I trust I'm far from alone in this feeling. As an artist, a couple of years ago I "resurrected" Skyfields in a painted rendition which recently inspired Bethel's former postmaster, Norman Milliard, to produce them as prints and offer them for sale in his Bethel

frame shop, Artistic Endeavors. Painting it was sort of a self imposed "art therapy" allowing me to not only materialize memories of a place dear to my heart that no longer physically exists, but was also an opportunity to utilize artistic license in "meticulizing" things such as broken fences, overgrown gardens, etc. Later seeing the painting in print prompted thoughts of the manuscript and the dormant intentions to seek publication.

Although not alone in having received a prized copy of Beckie's writing, I know that personally I'll never forget the experience of her presenting it to me around 1997 described here in a letter of introduction when later sharing it with an interested friend.

The memory of Beckie Bailey presenting me with the manuscript "Celladore" will always remain imbedded in my mind, bathed with sweet sentiment and honor. You See CELLADORE, Page 2

Mexican Madness Every Thursday! See page 3

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Letters

STAND UP TO SAVE W.E.S.

To the Editor:

As a parent, a teacher, a rural resident, and an American citizen I must express my distaste for the consolidation of our schools. Specifically the Woodstock Elementary School, the Andover School, and Crescent Park School.

My daughter is one of the lucky children who attends the Woodstock Elementary School. She leaves for school happy and comes home singing "I love school." She wishes away vacations and long weekends because she loves her school family and the learning she experiences at WES. Does your child's school bring that gift to your home? I'm glad mine does!

WES exceeds my standards (not an easy feat) as well as state and federal standards. It ranks among the highest scoring of elementary schools in the area by greater than 10 percent the state average - the highest ranking in the district as well as surrounding districts.

The proposal to close Woodstock and Andover Elementary schools and bus the students to Crescent Park School in Bethel is ludicrous. The end result will be changing CPS's population from roughly 285 students to around 400 students as well as reducing teaching and support staff. It will take away our neighborhood schools and all the benefits that go along with them. Students could potentially have a two-hour bus ride.

Due to rural life and a stressed economy, many SAD 44 residents had to find employment long distances away in outlying towns. My husband and I each travel over 35 miles daily in opposite directions from Bethel to work at schools in neighboring districts. This would increase our commute by an unreasonable amount and eliminate our current and only after-school child care option.

How are working tax-paying families like ours going to manage the financial increase and time demands added to our day? I'll tell you how - we won't. My family will have to move and until then we will pull our child from SAD 44 all together. The loss of family and academic time alone is unacceptable! I will not agree to put my 6-year-old child through this.

Homes in Greenwood and Woodstock will be less desirable without a neighborhood primary school. Never mind how foolish we would look for closing an exceptional and exceeding school. We are among many who purchased a home here to access WES.

The community will see an increase of behavior and learning problems that crowding brings to go along with the decrease in learning opportunities and instruction that a higher student-to-teacher ratio brings.

Extracurricular opportunities will be impacted as well; many Woodstock and Greenwood children will be unable to attend these. The idea that my child will be less able to attend after-school activities with her Bethel classmates due to the time, distance and fuel costs is beyond wrong at this time in our country!

If we are going to be forced to pay more, let's just pay the taxes to keep this commendable school open.

The children of today are the voters and law makers of the future. They will be calling the shots some day. When that day comes ask yourself if we have demonstrated to them citizenship and community. The adults in our community have the responsibility and obligation to do what's right for our children. Certainly the immediate short-term costs will reap long-term benefits for all.

Citizens, please become involved by attending town and school board meetings to fight to keep open WES on Jan. 24 and Feb. 14! Write letters to state officials, school board members and talk to your neighbors. Please vote and be heard!

Sarah Schofield
Woodstock

THE POWER OF PLACE

To the Editor:

"The Power of Place" is a concept that the Bethel Area Chamber of Commerce understands well. To quote from a book of that name by Winifred Gallagher: "The basic principle that links our places and states (of mind) is simple: a good or bad environment promotes good or bad memories."

Awareness of our environment is very personal. We see, we hear, we smell, thus eyesight, hearing, sense of smell and other things effect our internal sense of being such as contentment and happiness, distress or anxiety.

Pleasant environmental stimuli may include lovely mountain views, sunlight on blue water, quiet woodlands, birdsong or the smell of flowers, all of which are here in the Bethel area in abundance. Unpleasant environmental stimuli could include extreme wind and weather, crowded and noisy living conditions or unpleasant odors, none of which we normally experience here.

"Just as nature affects our behavior, our behavior affects nature," Gallagher writes.

Air pollution is a known and negative problem. We should be able to recognize and try to prevent obvious pollutants from damaging the air we breathe, our health, moods and behavior.

We live here. But these things also concern our visitors, who choose to bring their business to Bethel and spend time with us, hopefully returning again and again.

Bethel has positive power. It is hard to imagine deciding to damage such an image by approving an asphalt plant within striking distance upwind of the village.

Sally Taylor
Bethel

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KEEP THE 'GREAT GROUP' IN WOODSTOCK

To the Editor:

People of Woodstock, don't forget the town meeting to discuss and vote on the need to keep the Woodstock Elementary School open.

Why? The teachers at the school, working with a class average size of about 13 students, have managed a great track record on their student test scores! Perhaps higher than any other school in the district! These teachers have certainly proven that they are exemplary in their devotion to the students and the school!

Young children (75) would be subjected to a bus ride to and from Crescent Park School, approximately three times longer than the one they now have. At least an hour, or more, for certain residents, each way. Crescent Park may very well have to get rid of their music and lab rooms just to accommodate the extra 75 students. Is this fair?

Class sizes at Crescent would certainly be increased as the additional 75 from Woodstock, as well as perhaps 25 or more from Andover join the ranks.

Please join us in voting on Jan. 24 at 7 p.m. at the Woodstock school for this incredibly important meeting. Help keep our children in the "great group."

Andrea White
Woodstock

THE MEANING OF DON CROSS' LEGACY

To the Editor:

I recently read of the passing of Don Cross. His legacy of Mt. Abram has meant much to the families who have experienced skiing and been associated with the mountain. Fifty years ago, while Don and his brother were logging Mt. Abram they decided that they could build a ski mountain for a business and for others to enjoy. In this life there are only two certainties - we are born and we die. It is what we do in between these two events that make a difference in the lives we lead and what we leave behind. Don's vision of providing a special place for families to enjoy outdoor activities is his legacy to all. He made a difference in my life and those of my family. Here is our story.

We arrived in the Bethel area from Michigan July 1972 for me to attend several NTL sessions that lasted a month. Having been reared in Southern California, this was our first visit to the Northeast and Maine, in particular. We rented Hazel Wildes' (Kennybunkport) newly finished "Port Hole" chalet in the Mt. Abram chalet village. While I was in session, my wife and daughter (Diane and Marcy) put 3,500 miles on our car touring the byways and roads of rural and coastal Maine. When not in the car, they swam under the Sunday River Covered Bridge. We fell in love with the Bethel area. One day I said, "You know I think this would be a great place to spend the Christmas Holidays with the Briggs" (friends of ours who lived in New Jersey). We contacted Hazel and the Christmas of 1973 started a 15-year tradition of both families traveling to Maine and sharing the holidays on Mt. Abram. We all learned to ski here. We had snowball fights, built snow forts, cleared snow from the driveway, kept the wood stove burning, trekked into the woods to find the special Christmas tree - in short, meaningful and long-lasting family traditions were started at a place that Don Cross had created.

In the winter of 1975, I approached Don to see if he had any lots for sale in the village. He showed us two and we selected the one just below Hazel's. Don held out his hand, shook my hand and said, "Deal!" "Do we need to sign any papers," I said. "No, just send me the check and I'll send you the deed," Don confirmed the sale. That is the way he did business with me - integrity and honesty was one of his hallmarks. We continued to see his hard work to make Mt. Abram the "unforgettable mountain." His superior grooming of the trails established a model for other ski areas to follow. On limited snow years, before snow making, he and his crew could be seen shoveling snow out of the woods onto the slopes. I can remember skiing one year with just 4 inches of snow. He made it work for all of us.

When I took a job in New Hampshire in 1980, I announced to the family that we could now spend Christmas in our own New England home. "No way Dad," came the cries from the kids. "We have to go to Mt. Abram and Hazel's - it's tradition." Traditions are meaningful and can't be broken. In 1987, we built our own Moose Lodge as a gathering place for the family. It has worked. Now my daughter's and my son's (Jason) families gather every winter weekend to develop more of what my grandson (Tucker) says, "We are making memories." In fact, my daughter was married on the Sunday River Bridge and my son married on the slopes of Mt. Abram.

Several years ago, I saw Don in the IGA; we had a brief talk. I thanked him for his work and its meaning to my family. He gave me a very humble look, nodded his head in thankful acknowledgment. For 39 years we have made Mt. Abram our home away from home. Without Don's vision, I don't know what other memories the Mylers' would have made. But in the here and now, we are thankful for Don's vision some 50 years ago for it has brought to us such joy.

This is just one story. Think of the hundreds of similar stories. Families from Maine, New Hampshire, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Connecticut - all are here because of Don Cross and his Mt. Abram. I hope the Bethel community celebrates with us the meaning of Don's legacy and contribution to us all.

Mel Myler
Contoocook, N.H. and Locke Mills

Celladore

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see, as she placed the bundle in my hands, it was the first time in the 12 or so years I had known Rebecca Williamson Carter Bailey, that I did not observe the usual confident, adventuresome, matter of fact spirit, but instead witnessed the solitary time I had ever detected any shyness ... she even appeared sort of embarrassed and somewhat "silly" regarding whatever she had so carefully wrapped in that bundle. And the bundle itself ... "something" wrapped in a brown paper "sack" (as she called it) securely bound with baling twine and decorated with instructions written in black magic marker stating: "For Jewel Clark, Open when Alone!"

Since I actually enjoy the practice of delaying gratification, and also because I generally try to do as Beckie wishes, I followed her instructions, took the package home and placed it in a safe place until I could find some of those "alone" moments. As

I recall, they did not arrive until around 10 o'clock that evening when perched in one of my favorite spots ... carefully sprawled straddling the furnace grate, soaking up as much heat as possible. Bundle in hand, I began to untie the twine, smiling and appreciating the effort that had gone into the wrapping. How private it was and how trusted and privileged I felt to be unwrapping "whatever" I was unwrapping!

Finally, my hands discovered the contents, an abundance of written material, and I saw the title, "Celladore." It is impossible to truly articulate my feelings at that point ... moved, disbelief, surprise, honor, excitement, confusion ... still doesn't quite do it. You see, I realized that what I had in my hands was a creation written by Ms. Rebecca Bailey herself.

How did I know? Well, in Beckie's wonderful old kitchen there was a door ... a door that leads to the cellar. You

open it up to go down and stoke that fabulous wood furnace ... or to get the jar of coffee beans from the shelf above the cellar stairs ... or to get the bottle of cod liver oil that's taken daily from Fall until Spring. Anyway, there's a door, a cellar door.

Beckie always loved the sound of the two words. She found it so pleasing to her ear and always thought it would be a great name for a girl. So here it was, Beckie's child so to speak, which she had named "Celladore."

Thanks to the interest of The Bethel Citizen, it's readers will now also be able to enjoy some time with Beckie and Bruce Bailey as the Citizen presents Beckie's story in weekly segments.

Some readers will get to know them a little, while others, we hope, will appreciate a trip down memory lane, experiencing the resurrection of people and a place from time past ... gone, but far from forgotten.

Celladore: Author's introduction

By BECKIE BAILEY, Written circa 1990

Last summer, a visiting niece discovered in the back of a closet some sketches written 35 years ago about the beginnings of Celladore. She took them back with her to California, read them, found them hilariously funny, brought them back in this tidy format.

Today the world off the hill is a vastly different place, dominated by speed and technology. One can toss dirty laundry into an automatic machine, hop into the shower, hop out, clothes to a dryer, pop a TV dinner into the microwave, flip a dial to find entertainment, listen to tapes while driving to work, hope to escape road rage, there, escape sidewalk rage, deposit and withdraw money from a bank machine, communicate via fax and the Internet with live humans often concerned with violence, hate, obesity, loneliness.

Life on the hill is essentially the same. To be sure, loving care has improved the fields and the forest, there are gardens. Even power came a few years ago but it is used mostly to pump water, for lights, for tools, for a stereo for music, no gadgets. Satisfaction, happiness in living comes from books, nature, other humans, not machines. Over the years many people from many places have been up and down the hill. Some find sanity, serenity, others find unbelievable primitivism. All leave more aware that there is freedom of choice.

Chapter One: How did you come to live here?

When B.B. [Bruce] and I came to live at Celladore years ago, we were bombarded with questions. Incredulously, people asked, "How did you ever happen to give up a job with a good salary to come and live back here in the woods in a house with no electricity?"

We seemed to hear such different music that we were considered freaks. Our disregard for financial gain made us suspect wither as idiots or

incompetents. We were asked: how do you keep warm, what do you do all winter, how do you live on a small income, are you really happy?

Today we are asked the same questions, but now we are somewhat fashionable. The "how" is no longer of amazement but a sincere request for information.

There are a few easy answers. During our first year

here, a friend said to B.B., "I thought only rich people lived in a place like this." He answered, "Only rich people ought to live in a place like this." His response was colored by a trying previous-day coping with plumbing problems, one of his many skills that he does not enjoy using. To live with little money, one must have skills or be willing to acquire them.

TO BE CONTINUED

Our Back Pages

Compiled by Danna Brown Nickerson

10 years ago: The building housing the debarker at the Hancock Lumber mill was gutted by fire. Damage was estimated at up to \$50,000.

The Bethel Inn unveiled plans for eight condominium units in two buildings on Mill Hill Road.

A Polar Bear Plunge into the Androscoggin was held at Bethel Outdoor Adventure.

Births: Tanner Ikaika, Hiroshi Greene, Dylan Lee Tripp, Mia Whalen Shifrin.

Deaths: Christopher Herndon, Elgin "Stub" Tibbetts, Elizabeth Scribner, Herbert W. Durante.

20 years ago: The Bethel Area Health Center had added 2,800 square feet of floor space which housed a new physical therapy department, counseling offices and a meeting room.

Andover elementary school students were guests of Sunday River Ski Area and participated in their Learn to Ski Program.

About 100 attended a reception at the town office to welcome Bethel's new Town Manager Madeleine Henley.

Death: Winifred M. Merrill.

30 years ago: Mrs. Edith Quimby, formerly of Gilead, celebrated her 102nd birthday.

Members of the Indian Rajid Bicentennial Committee met at the Moses Mason House to plan festivities for the observance to be held in August.

Extremely cold weather was reported in the area with temperatures staying below zero most of the time, and dropping from 18 to 30 below in various places.

Deaths: Harold W. Fuller, Robert Lewis Olson, Mrs. Lena C. Estes.

40 years ago: A late-night fire of undetermined origin destroyed a T-bar drive terminal hut on the slope at Sunday River Skiway. Damage was estimated at \$13,000.

Michael J. O'Donnell was appointed to a second two-year term as Assistant County Attorney for Oxford County.

Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Barth and family left to spend two years in Australia.

Deaths: Mrs. Marian Swift Hall, Albert S. Grover, Mrs. Barbara Browne Emmons, Olive L. Spinney, Floyd E. McAllister, H. Floyd Varney.

50 years ago: Mrs. Jane Grover had worked as bookkeeper at the store of Brooks Bros., Inc. She was replaced by Mrs. Jo-Ann Chrissokos.

Gould Academy senior Arthur F. Lincoln, Jr. was nominated by Sen. Edmund S. Muskie as third alternate for a vacancy at the U. S. Military Academy.

Gould Academy purchased Crockett's Garage on Church Street.

Births: Rachel Ann Stowell, Wendy Marie Davis.

Deaths: Mrs. Marguerite C. Bartlett, Mrs. Maude L. Chapman, Thomas Erastus Westfield.

60 years ago: A young people's organization, to be known as the Pilgrim Fellowship, was started at the Congregational Church with a membership of about 30 high school students.

Births: Brenda Louise Robertson, Nancy Joy Bean, Francis Gene McAllister.

Deaths: George S. Magill, Enos A. H. Farnum, Jerome B. Smith.

70 years ago: Ellery C. Park was elected president of the Bethel National Bank after serving as cashier since its organization in 1905.

Deaths: Mrs. Nellie Ellingwood, Mrs. Lena Mustonen, Angus Fraser.

80 years ago: The Congregational Men's Club served a supper to 200 people following an entertainment by Prof. Hanscom, Mr. Bigelow, and the men's chorus.

90 years ago: Temperatures of 18 below zero and winds for several days featured the coldest weather of the winter.

George Allen England formerly of Bryant Pond, famous author, was chosen scenario director for Metropolitan Films Co. of Boston.

100 years ago: Harry Hastings was appointed deputy sheriff of Bethel.

Deaths: Leander T. Barker (town clerk of Bethel for 37 years), Rev. D. R. Ford, Mrs. T. G. Lary William H. Merrill.

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Briefly

One injured in Route 26 crash

BETHEL—A rear-end accident on the Walkers Mills Road last Thursday sent one driver to the hospital and slowed traffic for a time. At approximately 8:15 a.m., Heather Buck, 33, of 718 Walkers Mills Road, driving her 2000 Honda SUV, was stopped in the south bound lane waiting for traffic to clear in order to make a left turn into her driveway, according to Deputy Michael Halacy of the Oxford County Sheriff's Office. At this same time Ana Bzezinska, 21, of Lynnfield, Mass. was driving her 2004 Volvo SUV south on Walkers Mills Road. Bzezinska saw Buck's stopped Honda too late and was unable to stop, said Halacy, and the Volvo skidded into the rear of the Honda. There was some packed snow and slush but the roadway was sanded. Driver inattention by Bzezinska was the leading factor in the crash, Halacy said. "Bethel firefighter Mark McPherson came upon the crash prior to my arrival," said Halacy. "He was inside the Honda giving medical assistance to Heather Buck." Buck was transported to the hospital by Bethel Rescue with neck and head pain, he said. Bzezinska complained of neck pain, was checked out by Bethel Rescue, but refused transport. The Bethel Fire Department assisted with traffic control.

TIF meeting postponed

GREENWOOD—The joint meeting of the town Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee, to discuss a proposed Tax Increment Financing District in the area around Mt. Abram and Locke Mills, originally scheduled for Thursday, Jan. 13 has been postponed until rescheduled for Thursday, Jan. 27 at 6 p.m. It will take place in the Town Office meeting room.

Newry polling hours to change

NEWRY—Selectmen Tuesday voted to expand polling hours for upcoming elections. The new hours will be 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Under the previous schedule — 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. — Town Administrator Loretta Powers said people often showed up before the polls were open, not realizing the hours began later. The additional cost (to pay ballot clerks) will be \$36 per election, she said.

Loggers taking care near water

AUGUSTA—A new study says Maine loggers are doing a good job using forest management techniques that protect water quality. The Maine Forest Service report looks at 500 randomly selected harvest sites between 2005 and 2009. It shows that loggers used the techniques known as "Best Management Practices" at 84 percent of timber harvest sites to prevent sediment from entering water bodies. It also shows a 17 percent decrease in cases in which sediment entered streams and other water bodies at harvest sites.

Heating oil prices continue to rise

AUGUSTA—Maine energy officials say heating oil prices have risen an average of 8 cents a gallon in the past week. The Governor's Office of Energy Independence and Security said Wednesday that the statewide average price is \$3.18 per gallon, according to its weekly survey. Western Maine had the lowest average price, at \$3.08 a gallon. Northern Maine as usual had the highest average price, at \$3.37 a gallon. State Energy Director John Kerry says prices are going up with rising demand from emerging economies, including China. But he says inventories remain high and that many people believe prices are close to their peak.

Bill aims to get big rigs on Interstates

PORTLAND—U.S. Sen. Susan Collins of Maine says she plans to introduce federal legislation to permanently move trucks between 80,000 and 100,000 pounds off Maine and Vermont's secondary roads and onto federal interstate highways. Collins says she and Sen. Patrick Leahy of Vermont will introduce the bill next week. Under federal law, trucks weighing more than 80,000 pounds are forced off most interstates in Maine and Vermont and onto local and state roads. But Collins says it's unfair there's a weight exemption for those same trucks on highways in New Hampshire, Massachusetts and New York. Supporters say big rigs shouldn't be forced to pass through cities and small towns, raising concerns about safety and wear and tear on local roads. But critics say heavier trucks compromise the safety of other motorists and damage highways and bridges.

CVA mourns young skier who died

CARRABASSETT VALLEY—A 16-year-old student at a Western Maine ski academy who was killed while skiing at Sugarloaf ski resort is being remembered as one of the best skiers in the academy's freestyle skiing program. According to the Morning Sentinel, more than 100 people gathered at a candlelight vigil Monday night to honor and mourn Joshua Waldron. Waldron was killed Saturday when he skied into snowmaking equipment along the expert Hayburner ski trail. He was a junior at Carrabassett Valley Academy, whose alumni include well-known Olympians Seth Wescott and Bode Miller. Waldron's father is a ski instructor at Sugarloaf and was giving a lesson on another trail when the accident took place.

CORRECTION

EBS MAINTENANCE PLAN—An article in last week's Citizen about the planned move of the SAD 44 Central Office to the Norway Savings Bank building should have said the district will continue to provide electricity, plowing and insurance on the Ethel Bisbee building.

CORRECTION

SAD 44 COMMUNITY SKI DATES—The dates for the Community Ski Free Days at Sunday River Ski Resort listed in last week's Citizen should have been Sunday, Jan. 30 and Sunday, March 27.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The Citizen welcomes letters to the editor. We hope our readers will regard the newspaper as a public forum for discussing any topic they believe to be of interest to the community. Insofar as possible, we attempt to publish letters without alteration, but we do reserve the right to edit for length, libel, taste and readability. Letters should be limited to 300 words, but that limit will be waived when the situation warrants. In situations where the letter writer has a political, economic, familial or other relationship that could be perceived as bearing on the topic addressed in the letter, we strongly suggest the writer make that relationship known in the text of the letter or after their signature. When writing, please include your full name, signature, address and telephone number (so that we may verify authorship). The deadline for letters to the editor is 4:30 p.m. Monday. Letters submitted after that deadline will be considered for publication when circumstances permit. Send your letters to: Editor, Bethel Citizen, PO Box 109, Bethel, ME 04217-0109. Fax: 824-2426. E-mail: news@

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Scholarship

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"He would have been humbled by this, and I am extremely touched that the Rotary is honoring him this way."
"It is quite a tribute to Rocky."
"He said many times that he wanted his grandchildren and their grandchildren to be able to enjoy the same experiences that he had."

Rocky's favorite pizza was pepperoni, with mushrooms and black olives, Lisa said.

"These feelings applied to all people, especially young people."
"It was for this and many other reasons that he became a guide."
"His passion for life, people, and his love of his surroundings is why he became so involved in the community in so many ways, giving himself to the snowmobile clubs, the Bethel Planning Board, Chamber of Commerce, Trout Unlimited and of course The Upper Andro Anglers Alliance."

Rocky's own favorite pizza, Lisa said, was pepperoni, with mushrooms and black olives.

Tickets for the kick-off pizza party are \$15 per person, available in advance from Rotarians and local businesses, or at the door.

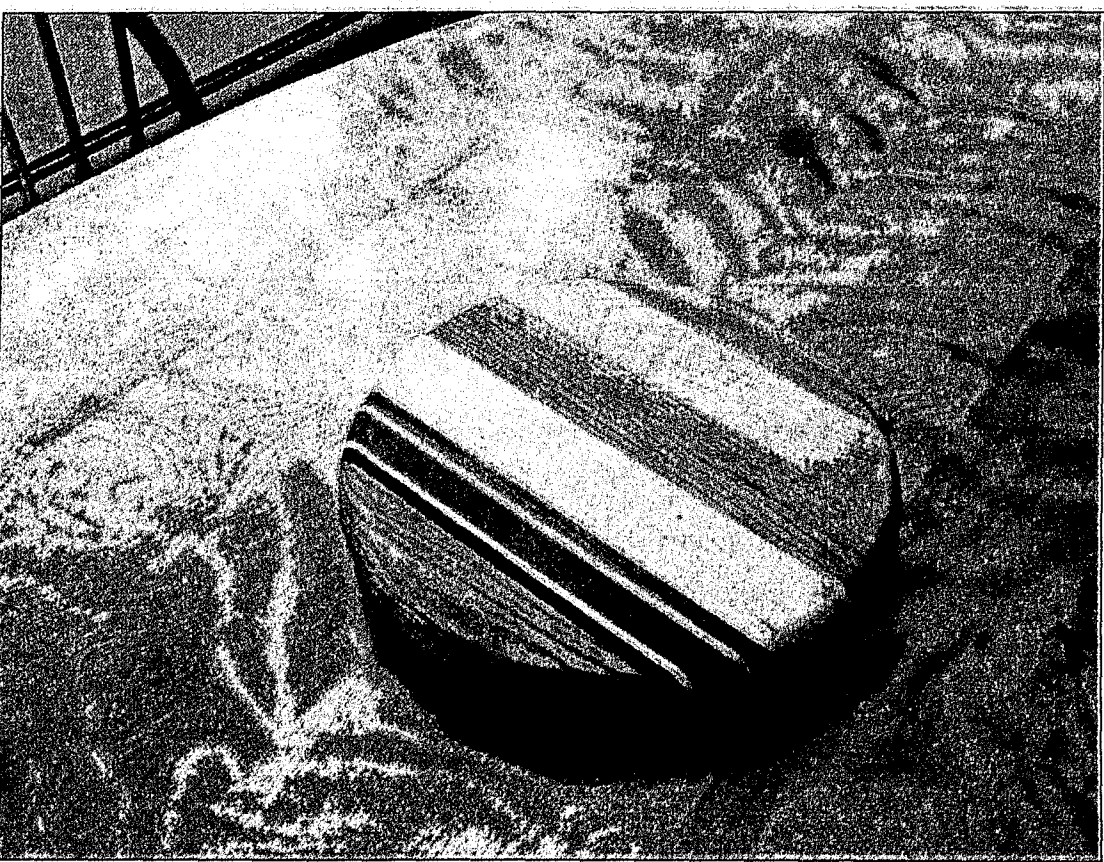
The party runs from 6 to 9 p.m. at the Matterhorn (located on the Sunday River Road in Newry), which is accessible by snowmobile. For more information call 824-2175, ext. 362.

Other businesses sponsoring the event include Western Maine Supply, Swasey Excavation, Nordic Walking LLC, Sunday River Ski Resort, Four Seasons Realty, Main Street Professional Building and Mahosuc Realty.

Community Profile



HOMEOWN—Above, Gary Gallant inspects a piece of furniture at Maine Made Furniture Co. Below, a red-flame birch table with a lazy susan.



Maine Made Furniture

By ALISON ALOISIO

Gary Gallant of Andover is a self-taught cabinet maker. Over the past 25 years, he's navigated his way through the choppy waters of Maine's woodworking industry to become co-owner of a custom furniture design and development company. In the 1980s, Gallant was a general contractor who built homes under the business name "Yankee Custom Builders and Cabinetmakers."

"We did our own kitchen cabinets and staircases," he said. In 1987 he stopped building homes, but, he said, "we decided to keep the shop work."

Not long after that he was approached by the J.A. Thurston Co. wood products of Rumford to work for them.

For the next decade Gallant designed products for Thurston, until the company went out of business in 2000.

It was a time when American wood product companies were feeling the pressure of foreign competition, particularly from China, where products were being manufactured at a fraction of the U.S. cost.

Building custom furniture from Maine hardwoods, said Gary Gallant, takes advantage of a niche that is free from foreign competition.

"It was frustrating to try to build a company and be beaten down by foreign competition," said Gallant.

Gallant moved next to Bethel Furniture Stock, where he worked largely on the production of chair kits, which could be assembled easily by other businesses or consumers.

In 2005 Gallant and Clint Bradbury of Peru bought out a portion of the business, the Maine Chair Kit Co. & More. But it wasn't long before they changed the focus from kits to custom furniture design. Today, the company is known as Maine Made Furniture Co.

Building custom furniture from Maine hardwoods, said Gallant, takes advantage of a niche that is free from foreign competition.

MMF is based at the former Thurston mill, where, he said, "We specialize in figured woods."

Figured woods feature variations or distortions of wood grain. Gallant handles the design and development of the furniture, while Bradbury focuses on the business operations.

Although Gallant no longer "stands at a table saw," he said, he does continue to stain and do finish work.

The company recently opened a gallery at the Sunday River Outdoor Center (formerly the Sunday River Inn) in Newry. MMF hopes to take advantage of the second-home market, Gallant said.

Tables made of birds-eye maple and red flame birch are among the featured furniture at the gallery, along with chairs, chests, rock maple beds, and other large furniture items.

The gallery also displays smaller wood creations by western Maine artisans. For example, there are cutting boards, spoons, snowshoes (miniature and full-size) and cribbage boards.

Unusual items include hollowed-out "hideaways" to hold wine bottles — and even one for a bottle of beer.

And a Norway craftsman creates small custom decorative signs that can feature sayings or names.

For more on Maine Made Furniture got to www.memfc.com.

(If you know of an individual, organization or business our readers would be interested in learning about in a Community Profile, please contact the Citizen at 824-2444 or news@bethelcitizen.com.)



The Way I See It

by Sharon Bouchard

I'm sure that I am not alone in saying that I spent way too much money during Christmas.

With grandchildren I do tend to go a bit overboard, but it's not just the gift buying that has put my checkbook in a negative balance. With all of the holiday planning, shopping and other stuff, I did a lot more take-out or eating out than I normally do and let me tell you the days of cheap burgers and fries are long gone. Now it costs a lot of McMoney.

There was also the need for wrapping paper, bows, tape and tags and that stuff isn't as cheap as it used to be either. I won't even go into the grocery shopping and all the other incidental expenses that are associated with Christmas. Suffice it to say; I spent way too much money.

It would be a wonderful thing if all regular bills were suspended for the month of December. One month out of the year when utilities, fuel and other household expenses were free; what a great gift that would be!

Unfortunately, that's not how it works and bills not paid in December just come out double in January and now it's time for me and others, I'm sure, to play catch-up.

I've been hearing a great deal lately about the high value of gold. Apparently it's over \$1,300 per ounce and there are signs in places like pawn shops

and jewelry stores that are "Buying gold."

That certainly got me to thinking about all the gold jewelry I have and never wear. I figured I must be sitting on a fortune in gold and all I have to do is take my jewelry box to some place that is "Buying Gold" and goodbye debt.

Here's a news flash — as Shakespeare once wrote, all that glitters is not gold. Do you have any idea how difficult it is for the untrained to tell what's gold, gold plate, gold filled, brass or something else entirely?

I'm sure that I am not alone in saying that I spent way too much money during Christmas.

All this time I thought I had all kinds of gold jewelry and as it turns out — I don't. I do have some very nice gold-plated jewelry and even some that is gold filled, the difference of which is lost on me.

In fact, just about everything related to gold is lost on me. Up until recently I used the term carat and karat equally never understanding that carat with a "c" is gemstone weight and karat with a "k" is precious metals weight. I also can't tell a diamond from a zirconium or a piece of glass, but

since I have precious few diamonds I doubt that I'll ever have to be able to tell which is which.

Nor do I understand why karat weight is assigned the way it is. For example, 24 karate gold is 100% pure gold, none of which I happen to own. However, 18 karat gold is only 75% gold, 18 parts gold and 6 parts other metals. I do have a necklace that is 14K or 58.3% gold, but selling this won't retire my Christmas debt. If you are now wondering what 10 karat gold breaks down it is 41.7% gold.

Learning the difference between carat and karat and the karat weight standard I guess is good information to have, but since I only have one necklace that really is gold and I plan to keep, I don't see what my new knowledge will do for me.

Since the family jewels are not going to make me any richer I guess I need to set up a budget and stick to it. If I'm really disciplined and there are no major setbacks I'll be back on track in no time.

As for the gold-plated and filled jewelry I have, the way I see it I might just as well start wearing it because it's not doing me any good sitting in a jewelry box.

I do wonder however, what my sterling silver silverware set is worth. After all, my grandsons' birthdays are coming right up.

Crossword puzzle grid with clues and answers.

ACROSS

- 1 "Lili" actress
- 6 Decorous
- 11 Jack of "Rio Lobo"
- 15 With 10 Down, "Cheers" star
- 18 Enlize
- 19 It's tossed with sauce
- 20 Walker's offering
- 21 Medical grp.
- 22 Gene Barry role
- 24 Gene Autry's horse
- 26 Maestro de Waart
- 27 Evened the score
- 28 Prophets
- 30 "So — You" ("77 song)
- 31 Torrid or Frigid
- 32 Bluesman James
- 35 Le Carre title start
- 37 Zeal
- 40 Tea of "Deep Impact"
- 41 Diplomacy
- 42 Libertine
- 43 "Macbeth" role
- 46 Kind of sale
- 50 Vex
- 51 Linda of "Dynasty"
- 52 Revise a manuscript
- 53 Start to snooze
- 55 Colors
- 57 Gouda garbage
- 58 Schedule
- 61 Fluffy hairdo
- 62 Annette of "40-HRS."
- 64 Privy to
- 65 Refuse
- 66 Out of range
- 67 Gene Sarazen invention
- 71 Architect Saarinen
- 72 "Die Fledermaus" maid
- 73 "Oh, woe!"
- 74 Irrational
- 76 Stocking
- 77 Fido's friend
- 78 Fido's friend
- 88 Silver-tongued
- 91 Not long ago
- 92 Kid
- 93 Litter's littlest
- 94 Mead's "Coming — in Samoa"
- 96 Trier "Thanks!"
- 97 "Cafe" ("88 film)
- 100 Popped one's pecs
- 101 Actress Verdon
- 103 Farm measure
- 104 Swap
- 106 Shopping center
- 107 Zoo attraction
- 110 Gene Roddenberry creation
- 112 Gene Krupa's mald
- 117 Sky light?
- 118 Part of NB
- 119 Stalin's predecessor
- 120 Stereo components
- 121 Choose, with "for"
- 122 Bird food
- 123 "Maria" ("41 song)
- 124 Clear the slate
- 5 Varnish ingredient
- 6 Tore
- 7 Pine product
- 8 Burro
- 9 Robert of "Quincy, M.E."
- 10 See
- 11 Across
- 11 Feast host
- 12 Annals
- 13 "56 Ingrid Bergman film
- 14 Silent
- 15 Use one's noodle
- 16 Overact
- 17 Patron
- 18 Vigoda or Fortas
- 23 Placekicker's prop
- 25 It's spotted out West
- 29 Lexicographer
- 31 Actress Wanamaker
- 32 African antelope
- 33 "Why don't we?"
- 34 Berg or Drabowsky
- 36 "New Jack City" actor
- 37 Saharan
- 38 Actor Calhoun
- 39 Gene Chandler hit
- 41 Barber Sweeney
- 43 Leander's love
- 44 Iniquities
- 45 Crete's capital
- 47 Dawson of football
- 48 Gene Hackman film
- 49 Museum piece
- 54 Computer acronym
- 56 Play for time
- 58 Statesman Sadat
- 59 Deparis
- 60 Goal
- 61 Amphitheater feature
- 63 Nev. neighbor
- 64 Unemployed
- 65 "Agnus"
- 66 Cherish
- 68 Uh-uh
- 69 Florida
- 70 Blackboard support
- 72 "Stroker" ("83 film)
- 75 Quite
- 77 "Shaft" star (daringly)
- 79 Decimal base
- 80 Big-name Secretary, e.g.
- 83 Diminutive suffix
- 85 Blue hue
- 86 Ire
- 89 Court cry
- 90 Spilled the beans
- 91 Negligent
- 92 Tenor
- 95 Weak
- 96 Circuitous course
- 97 Lowdown crooner?
- 98 Behave like a brat
- 99 Endowment
- 100 Pretended
- 101 Berle bit
- 102 Knocked out a novel
- 105 Artist
- 106 Sociable
- 107 The — Brothers
- 108 Reduce, with "down"
- 109 USNA grad
- 111 Recipe abbr.
- 113 Conger or moray
- 114 Compass pl.
- 115 Palindromic diarist
- 116 "Jurassic Park" stuff

Gene Pool

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OCSD Bethel Patrol Log:

Wednesday, Jan. 12

At 3:20 a.m. Mike Halacy and Bethel Rescue responded to Mason Street after a caller reported hearing someone yelling for help outside. The incident proved to be more of an alcohol event than a medical one.

At 12:06 p.m. Deputy Dennis Ryder responded to the Barker Road for a property-damage accident.

Thursday, Jan. 13

At 7:58 a.m. Deputy Dennis Ryder responded to Route 5 for an accident.

At 8:16 a.m. Cpl. Justin Brown, Deputy Mike Halacy, Bethel Fire and Rescue and PACE responded to the Walkers Mills Road for a two-vehicle accident with injuries reported.

At 10:10 a.m. Deputy Dennis Ryder received a report of the theft of a checkbook and Maine driver's license on the Gore Road in Woodstock.

At 4:43 p.m. on Route 26 a Rumford police officer observed a subject with an active warrant. The officer contact Deputy George Cayer, and Christopher LeClair, 32, of the East Bethel Road was arrested.

At 5:04 p.m. Deputy Brian Landis was assigned after a report of a subject trying to run another vehicle off the road on Route 26.

Friday, Jan. 14

At 2:16 a.m. Deputy Matt Noyes responded to Broad Street for two parked cars obstructing snow removal. The owners were contacted to remove them.

At 3:20 p.m. Deputies Mike Parshall and George Cayer responded to the Chandler Hill Road for a report of a vehicle hitting a pole, with wires down. Bethel Rescue and Fire also responded.

At 6:45 p.m. Deputy Matt Noyes received a report of a vehicle on Mayville Road that continually drives erratically.

At 11:57 p.m. dispatch received a 911 hangup from the Bailey Road. On calling back, the dispatcher was told everything was all right. Deputy Matt Noyes responded and determined an underage party was taking place. Numerous summonses were issued.

Sunday, Jan. 16

At 12:14 a.m. a caller reported an intoxicated subject on Timberline Drive in Newry. Deputy Matt Noyes was assigned. The subject had left the area prior to the deputy's arrival.

Monday, Jan. 17

At 9:19 a.m. a caller reported ongoing aggressive driving by tractor trailer trucks on Route 26. Deputy Dennis Ryder was assigned.

This report highlights points of interest from the Oxford County Sheriff's Department Bethel Patrol log. It lists cases reported in the log of adults being arrested or issued a summons in the 10 days prior to the newspaper's publication, but does not include all reports of OCSD activity, such as routine speeding tickets and other civil violations.

Oxford County Jail:

(Bethel region)

Jan. 13, 3:13 p.m.: David B. Cherkis, 42, of Greenwood, aggravated drug trafficking, violation of bail conditions, by tony Milligan in Greenwood.

Jan. 13, 5:00 p.m.: Christopher E. Leclair, 32, of Bethel; unlawful trafficking in Schedule D drugs; violation of bail conditions; in Bethel.

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ICE RESCUE TRAINING—On Sunday the Woodstock Fire Department hosted ice water rescue training at Johnny's Bridge in Greenwood. Thirty firefighters and medical personnel from Woodstock, Greenwood, Bethel, Newry, Pace Ambulance and Bethel Rescue, as well as Game Warden Norm Lewis, took part. The emergency personnel practiced with the Woodstock ice sled and Bethel's water rescue boat.

(Photo: Kristy Pratt)

Bethel

By NANCY BROWN



Have you ever wanted to ride in a snow-groomer? The Greenstock Snowmobile Club is giving free snow-groomer rides as part of the kick-off events for Bethel Winterfest 2011, which starts Saturday, Jan. 22, and runs through Sunday, Jan. 30. The snow-groomer rides will be at the corner of Main and Cross streets from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Jan. 22.

At the same time, there will be a free snowshoe demonstration and scavenger hunt at Festival Plaza. With a foot of new snow last week and more in the forecast, Bethel hopefully has enough snow for the week-long festival. Other events include alpine and Nordic skiing, skating, sleigh rides, the Ice Mountain, the Maine Street Rail Jam, and indoor events at the Bethel Historical Society. For a complete Winterfest schedule, go to the Bethel Chamber of Commerce website at www.bethelmaine.com.

A month ago I reported that gasoline prices in Bethel were \$3.12 a gallon. This week a gallon of gasoline costs \$3.16. I drove to Freeport on Sun-

day, Jan. 16, for a meeting of the University of Southern Maine/Stonecoast alumni. Along my route, the prices of gasoline fluctuated from \$3.16 to \$3.21 a gallon. According to AAA, these are among the highest prices in the country. Another good reason to participate in the Bethel Winterfest this coming week: exciting events in our own neighborhood.

A Community Supper is being sponsored by the Bethel Alliance Church on Wednesday, Jan. 26, from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m.

The church is located at 251 Walkers Mills Road, across from the Telstar parking lot. There is no charge for the supper. For more information, call 824-2289.

This is a last-minute reminder for residents of Bethel, Albany, and Mason that dog licenses were due by Jan. 1 for dogs over six months of age. After Feb. 1, there is a late fee of \$25. Fees are \$11 per dog or \$6 per spayed or neutered dog. Proof of a rabies vaccination is needed.

Do you have news that you'd like to share?

Please send it to nancybrown1150@yahoo.com or call me at 824-2483.

East Bethel

By WALLY RITZ



Holiday Season news is still trickling in.

Cyndy Olson let me know that Kane was home

from Dillingham, Alaska for Christmas. They had nine wonderful days with him. He packed lots into his visit. They celebrated Christmas with Cyndy's family in Otisfield. A few days later the Olsons got together at Cyndy and Chris's house for dinner and a bonfire. Kane got to see lots of family that he hadn't seen for a year and a half. He, Chris and Karl went to Greenville to visit and ice fish with a friend Kane worked with at Kananak Hospital.

All the wonderful news of this past season brings to mind a quote from country singer Garth Brooks, "You aren't wealthy until you have something money can't buy." Thus our neighborhood is very wealthy as family, friends, love, and caring can't be bought with money.

This week it is time again for a new Trivia question and

am pretty sure who the first respondent will be. Thus if you want to prove me wrong you better call me at 824-3220 or e-mail han@megalink.net with your answers right away. Now here's the question: According to the February 15, 1890 Town Report citizens put in a proposal to the selectmen, which never did materialize. What was it? So, let's see if someone can beat the record. I will keep you posted.

Have a great week.

Gilead

By LIN CHAPMAN



The weather seems more like January now. The nights have been cold and there is snow on the ground. I am not a big fan of snow, but it is the way it should be. It always seems much colder when there is no snow on the ground.

Condolences go out to the family of Nancy Haines, who passed away last week. Her son, Ken Cole, is a resident of Gilead.

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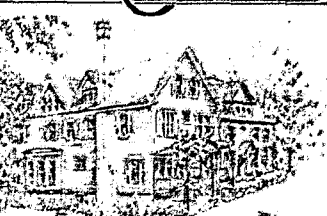
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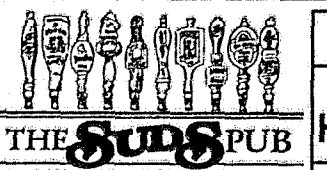
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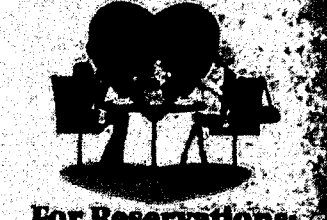
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took a break from plowing and removing the leftover piles of snow by his garage and stopped by the house Saturday. Since there is some more bad weather coming Tuesday and Wednesday, he wants to be ready.

Lise McLain went to Ledgewick this past week to visit her father, Gerard Dupont. He seems to be doing well.

Last Friday night, when we were watching the 10 p.m. news, Hugh happened to look

outfront toward the street. He mentioned to me that the fox was coming along the street and onto the lawn. As we watched him, we thought that it was a bigger fox than we have seen or a small dog. We watched it as it jumped over the snow bank and back into the road.

At that point, it was right under the street light so we could get a better look at it. As it began to run up the road past the Town Hall, we decided it was

probably a coyote instead of a fox.

Last weekend we noticed a flock of birds on the bush out in front of the house by the mailbox. They turned out to be Cedar Waxwings. There must have been at least a dozen birds. They were after the red berries on the Barberry bush.

Gilead Historical Society
The newsletter finally went out. It was late because we were hoping to have the news

regarding the moving of the railroad station.

Hopefully, within the next week, the crew will be back to put the station on the foundation and secure it for the winter.

There have been a few responses to the sale of the quilt squares, but there are still more to be sold.

Got any news? Call 836-2987 or email chapmal@hotmail.com

Andover

By MELINDA AVERILL



Hello Andover friends. I would like to say to the person(s) responsible for "taking" the wreath that I made and put on the front of my parents store, I hope that you're enjoying it -- obviously it was so beautiful that you

wanted it, because I haven't heard of anybody else in town missing a Christmas wreath from their door. Actually, I would like to say more than that, but...

Young Isabella Simmons celebrated her 8th birthday with a party at her dad's house last Sunday. They attempted to go sledding, but after one trip down the hill it was pretty much a dirt hill! Fifteen kids attended and had a fun time -- despite the lack of snow!

Birthday celebrations this week: Ethan M. Nelson, grandson of Marshall and Vicky Meisner, on the 20th, Natausha Cogley on the 22nd, Zachary Morton on the 22nd, Hunter Milliken on the 25th, grandson of Naomi Learned.

The ice skating rink behind the Andover Fire Station is ready for those blades! Thanks to Scott Farrington for his help.

I would like to send sympathy to the friends and family of Nancy Tyler, who passed away last Tuesday, Jan. 11. Nancy moved to Andover from Farmington Falls several years ago with her longtime companion Larry Norton. She is survived by her mother, Ada Tyler of Farmington; her companion since the age of 13, Larry; two sons, Toby Tyler and his wife Melanie of Farmington Falls, and Todd Tyler of Lewiston, and three grandchildren. A celebration of Nancy's life was held on Saturday, Jan. 15, at the Chesterville Town Hall. Donations in Nancy's memory may be made to the Harold Alford Center for Cancer Care, 361 Old Belgrade Road, Augusta, ME 04330.

As of this writing we are supposed to be getting a nice snowstorm on Tuesday through Wednesday -- six to 10 inches. Hopefully it doesn't turn over to rain like they are thinking. The skiers will be glad for more powder! Enjoy the weekend.

Waterford

By ROCKIE GRAHAM



In rereading what I wrote last week, it appears I misspoke. I am not the oldest columnist, I am the longest-running columnist, at this time. That does not mean that I am the best, just that I've hung in there. I do enjoy some of the newer writers and am glad to see new ones that emerge from time to time. It keeps things fresh and interesting. That having been said, I hope to get this year off to new and better heights. To that end, I ask that all who have something they would like to see in this column please call me at 739-9115. I do not check my e-mail often enough for that to be a good option.

Tonight, Jan. 20, at the Wilkins House, there will be a potluck supper starting at 6 p.m. The hosts will be Ginny and Denny Raymond and Meg Wheeler. The suppers will continue until May. FMI call 583-6677.

The 20th at 10 a.m. the ACA group will meet at Waterford Library. We are still working on the 4th step and newcomers are welcome. FMI call 739-9115. In the case of a bad storm the meeting might be canceled. Please check.

The Bethel WinterFest is this weekend. I have been looking at the Ice Sculpture every time we pass by on our way to work. It was still small last time but growing steadily. By this Saturday it should be full grown. I will check, so should you.

Waterford Fair's Winter Fun Day takes place on Sunday, the 23rd of January at the Highview Farm of Bill and Darcy Winslow. It is on the Leander Harmon Road in Harrison on Route 117. Watch for signs. It begins at 10 a.m. Come see the animals including bull calves and mini horses born last summer.

This Sunday is also free ski day at Sunday River for SAD 17 and RSU 10. Lift tickets are \$10 as are rentals and adult learn to ski. There is a 50 percent discount on food and beverages.

We keep finding more of our stuff that has been hidden in boxes. It is like Christmas all over when David unpacks a tote of a box of goodies. Still looking for my birth certificate because a new one seems to be very difficult to get.

On that note, enjoy the new snow and drive carefully in that and the predicted ice. Stay warm.

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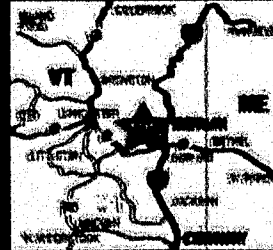
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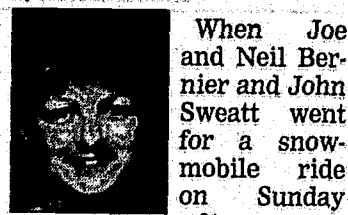
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By LAURIE BROWN



When Joe and Neil Bernier and John Sweatt went for a snowmobile ride on Sunday afternoon, they saw a sign on the York Pond Road which owners of two lost beagles had posted. When they got back to Pappy's road, there were the two miniature beagles, who'd been missing since 9 p.m. on Saturday. Joe drove back to York Pond Road to get the phone number from the sign and Neil and John each snuggled a very cold, very tired dog under their snowmobile coats and took them to Joe's and Penny's house. The dogs got warmed up, devoured the food Neil gave them, and lapped up all the water. Phone messages were left at the number on the "lost" sign.

Shortly after Neil had provided a snugly, warm place for them in the barn, the dogs' owners, from Naples, Maine, showed up; they'd been driving on every road in town since the day before searching for their dogs. The dogs' owners said there were seven children that were going to be very, very happy that their dogs were found, safe, and had been returned. Joe said the man himself was pretty choked up at the sight of his dogs safe and sound. Nice ending to what could have been a tragedy -- it was below zero Saturday night.

The Ladies Aid is sponsoring a Pampered Chef party at their building on Friday, Jan. 28, beginning at 7 p.m. Everyone is invited!

On Feb. 18, also on a Friday night, there will be a skating/sliding party on Barnes Road at the home of Charlie Felt and Carol Norman. There will be a bonfire, hot dogs, hot chocolate, and lots of other yummy treats! Bring your sleds and your skates. Carol has collected an assortment of ice skates in different styles and sizes for those who might need them. Last year, the party lasted until midnight! This annual activity is free and open to the public -- it's a "thank-you" from the Ladies Aid Association, a way to "give back" to local folks, neighboring townsfolk, and people with camps in the area for the participation and support they've given the Ladies Aid throughout the year. Come to skate, to slide, to sit by the bonfire, to socialize or all of those things combined.

On Saturday, Feb. 19, there will be an Italian Buffet at

the Ladies Aid building; more info next week.

Thirty-two people gathered at John Sweatt's camp on Saturday night to surprise Andre and Flossie Bernier, of Bryant Pond, with birthday cakes. The shindig was definitely a surprise for them both, and a success. Andre turned 60 on Christmas day. Flossie's birthday was Jan. 12, and her age shall remain undisclosed in this column -- but, it should be mentioned that she's younger than her husband!

Have a wonderful week! Selah

Hanover

By CLEM WORCESTER

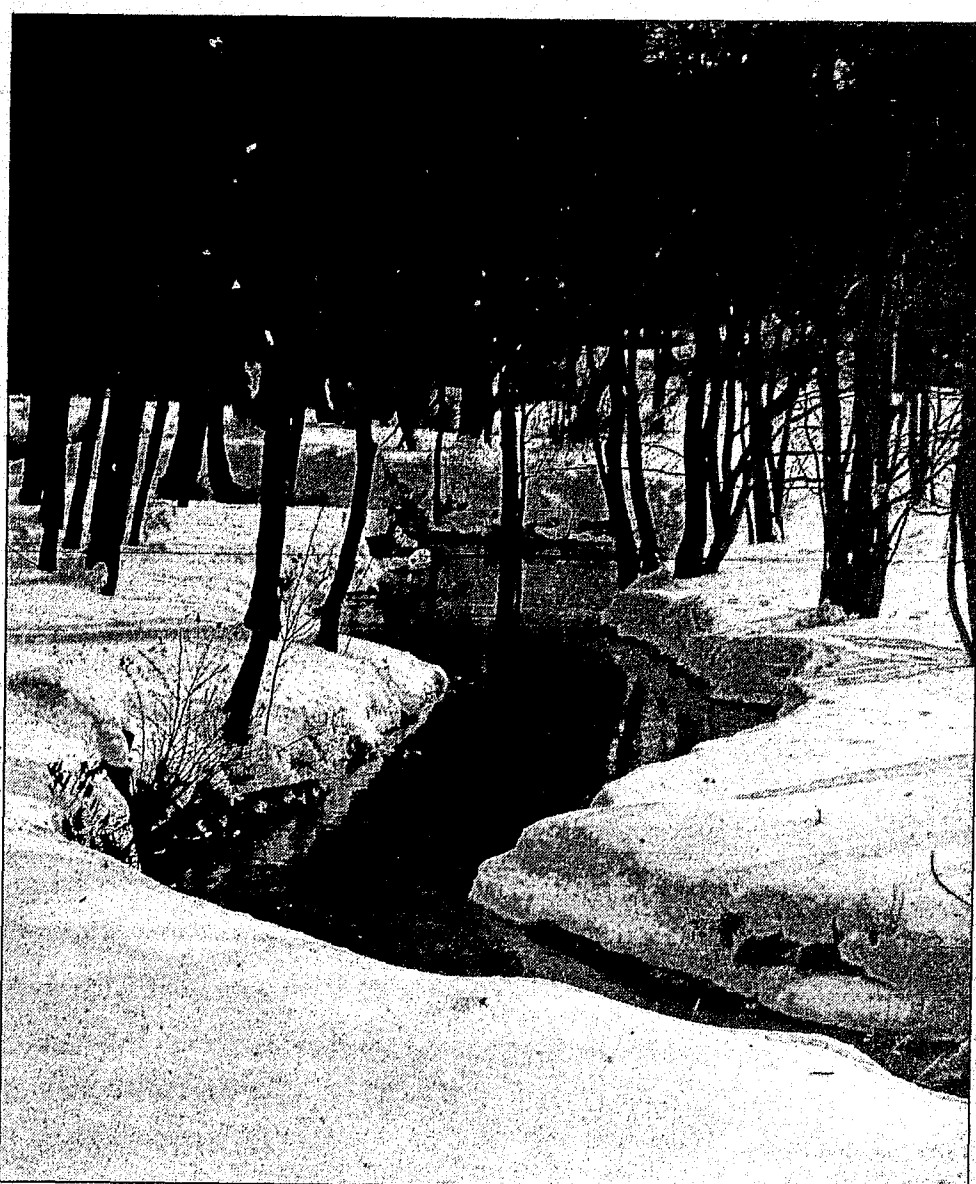


Kaylenn Worcester turned 10 years old on Jan. 13. A birthday celebration recently took place at her grandparents' house in Hanover. Her dad, Brian Worcester, and his wife, Sara, hosted the event. Among those attending were Donna and Clem Worcester, Lisa Theberge, Frank and Bonnie Bulger, Gail Worcester, Hunter and Nicole Bernard. Everyone enjoyed pizza, cake and ice cream before some went sliding.

Most of the winter FairPoint workers have been working on poles in the area and spending a lot of time at the hook-up station on the Howard Pond Road. The work is nearly completed and fiber optic technology is now available to area residents. Although this technology has been available in nearby communities this is the first it has been available on local telephone lines. Anyone interested in using the fiber optic technology for high speed Internet should contact FairPoint if they have not already contacted you.

Plowed snow at the intersection of the Howard Pond Road and Main Street (Route 2) has created a visibility problem for traffic entering Main Street. Traffic approaching from the west cannot be seen without actually entering the intersection. Sight distance is much improved by those who bypass the area by using Mill Hill Road for left or right turns onto Main Street.

How does that old saying go? "When the days get longer the winter winds get stronger." Something like that seems to happen most winters. Recent morning lows have been in the zero range and often 10 degrees or more below zero. The highs seldom reached 20 degrees during the day. We had some beautifully clear, sunny days and despite the cold



GOING SOUTH The Crooked River wends its way through trees near Songo Pond in Albany.

(Photo: A. Aloisio)

his woodworking capabilities. He had just been out in his shop that morning and had made "billy clubs."

My curiosity was piqued as he explained that they are a safe alternative to carrying a gun, but I reminded him that I had three children. It would turn from "self-defense" to "attack and smack" as soon as Mommy's back was turned.

He has a great wood lathe at his disposal in addition to the portable sawmill. With these he has made quite a few tables and other items. He also does custom work and doesn't shy away from a challenge so if anyone is shopping for a new rustic piece, give Scott a call.

Bill Brooke hiked Speck two weeks ago, on a Sunday and as I am just finding this out, so too are you. He stopped in for coffee at his brother's before the hike rather than after but since I heard of his trip from his wife, I think that it is safe to assume that he has made it back home just fine. No doubt training for some triathlon or other event that requires abundant physical exertion -- he puts me to shame. Kuddo's to you Uncle Bill!

Have a wonderful week and be sure to bend with your knees rather than from the back when shoveling!

As always you can contact me at sabcart@gmail.com or the good 'ole fashioned way 824-0836.

Mason

By RICHARD GROVER



I am glad of the last snowstorm; I measured about 11 inches of powder here. It makes great skiing.

For the first time this year I had time to run my snowmobile and homemade trail groomer over our 2-3 mile loop of logging roads we use for cross-country skiing. The only caution was that the snow was so soft that all the protruding rocks made fast riding unwise, as the "sled" jumped unpredictably whenever I hit a rock a little too fast.

A word to those who ride in the fields locally: those famous Maine rocks can really

some got out to snowshoe or cross-country ski. The snowstorm last Tuesday (Jan. 13) left about eight inches in this area. Schools and many businesses were closed for the day.

It is not too early to get out the seed and plant catalogs and begin planning for your spring garden. Get some paper and draw out how you want to design the garden. Then sit by your nice hot wood stove with a cup of tea and a piece of pie and dream about eating those garden fresh vegetables and fruits.

Newry

By SENECA CORRIVEAU



More snow, huh? I wondered when it would start feeling like winter around here.

During this last storm I had the opportunity to sit on the porch with my dad. We remarked about the engulfing stillness of the night brought

about by the large flakes that filled the air as they fell so effortlessly to the ground.

I usually make time to visit it with my folks at least once a week or so but that trip was one of purpose.

I showed up at their house with a questioning smile and six or so empty jugs. Turns out that despite my best efforts of staying up all hours of the night washing laundry in an attempt to not let the water freeze, it did anyway. And let me tell you, if you haven't yet had the pleasure of frozen pipes, it's no cake walk.

The first trip to fill jugs was enough to water the goats, pigs, chickens, cats and dogs, phew! So the next trip for water was across the road to Amber's; that's one way to visit it. However the water filled much slower there so I will probably not bother her for water again. So with toilets flushed and reserve water at the ready then begins the tedious task of locating and thawing the problem. This job is left for the Hubby and sadly enough, he's had ample experience with such things. With a bit of Yankee Ingenuity and some help from a friend, the water crisis was eventually resolved. So, water is running again, snow is still falling, on to fix the plow truck. Just gotta love winters in Maine, if this life we lead isn't character building that I don't know what is.

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The Weeks Law established a National Forest Reservation Commission and came with appropriations to purchase land. Chief Forester Henry Graves of the Forest Service put William Hall in charge of supervising the search for

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Early on, even before its official creation, the White Mountain National Forest was recognized for its recreation potential. In 1916 E.D. Fletcher, the Forest Exam-

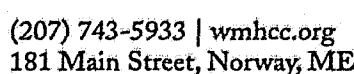
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Sports

High School Boys' Varsity Basketball

Waynflete 73, Gould 33; Jan. 7—Gould had a tough second half in their first game since returning from break. After playing the Flyers to a 23-21 halftime score, Gould ran out of gas and Waynflete took advantage of many Husky turnovers to win handily 73-33. Will Bunge led Gould with 7 points.—from Gould sports reports

Gould 51, Pine Tree 37; Jan. 8—Gould rebounded nicely after a tough Waynflete game to take a team win against a scrappy Pine Tree Academy team. Taylor Peck-Moad led the Huskies with 17 points, while Shaq Jones added 7, Ron Ruiz 6, Will Bunge 6, Abe Bartlett 6 and Nate Brown and Alec Manning with 4 each.—from Gould sports reports

Mt. Valley 69, Telstar 58; Jan. 11—Telstar high scorers: Corey Howard 17; Dan Vaughn 14. Howard had 10 rebounds and Ben Field 8.

Telstar 82, Carrabec 9; Jan. 14—Eleven different players scored for the Rebels. Top scorers: Dan Vaughn 18; Ben Field 12; Corey Howard 11; Dom Haines 10; Devin Vail 9 (3 three-pointers).

High School Girls' Varsity Basketball

Carrabec 63, Telstar 27; Jan. 14—The Telstar Lady Rebels took the court against the Carrabec Cobras losing at home 63-27 to start the second half of the season. Emma Davis led the team with 11 points, including two 3-pointers, 6 boards, and 2 blocks; Cheyanne Day with 10 points, 13 boards, and a block; and 2 points each for Hall Barter, Casey Blaszcak, and Maisey Griffin; and defensive effort by Nicena Walker. The team came out of the locker room much more prepared to play and showed improvement over their previous game working on many of their teamwork and skills.—Coach Mark Kenney

Alpine Skiing

Sunday River Giant Slalom; Jan. 11—Telstar opened their season at Sunday River, where the team competed in GS against 7 schools. The Girls team finished 5th. Individual finishes include Captain Morgan Lee finishing 2nd, Rachael Wheeler 6th, Rose Wright 27th, and Grace Stover 35th. The boys team finished 5th as well. Individual results were: Cody Boivin 7th, Tyler James 17th and Anthony Dirago 26.—Coach Anne Reis

Black Mountain Slalom Race, Jan. 13—Telstar Alpine team traveled to Black Mt. in Rumford for their first slalom race of the season. Girls results: Morgan Lee 2nd, Rachael Wheeler 3rd, Rose Wright 7th, Ashley Conkright 8th and Grace Stover 9th. Boys results: Cody Boivin 4th, Tyler James 9th, and Anthony Dirago 10th.—Coach Anne Reis

TMS Boys' Varsity Basketball

Telstar 35, Carrabec 20; Jan. 13—Telstar's David Pilgrim led the team in scoring with 9 points, with Cameran Pike close behind with 8, and Maverik Griffin and Ryan Vail 5 each. The team is now 2-5 at the half way of the season. — Coach Tim O'Connor

TMS Cross-country Skiing

Telstar Classic at the Bethel Inn; Jan. 11. Teams participating include Oxford Hills, Tripp, FAST, Mtn. Valley, Dirigo, and Telstar. The Telstar Girls Team placed second behind the FAST team. Telstar racers: 4. Rose Goldberg; 5. Gabby Stone; 6. Rachael Goldberg; 9. Carla Boyle-Wight; 15. Ani Inman; 24. Kaitlyn Brown. The Boys Team won the race beating 5 other teams. Telstar racers: 1. Caleb Clarke; 2. Andrew Siegel; 6. Mitch Lehman; 7. Marcus Wentworth; 11. Brendon Sterns; 13. Schuyler Leff; 23. Greg Wheeler; 29. Liam Gallagher.



GEOGRAPHY BEE—The Woodstock Elementary School held its school level National Geography Bee on Friday, Jan. 14. The three contestants did a great job. Pictured here are Lia Cameron, second place; Blake Rothwell, bee champion; Madison Hayes, third place. Blake will take a written test which will determine if he is one of the contestants in the State Geographic Bee in the spring.



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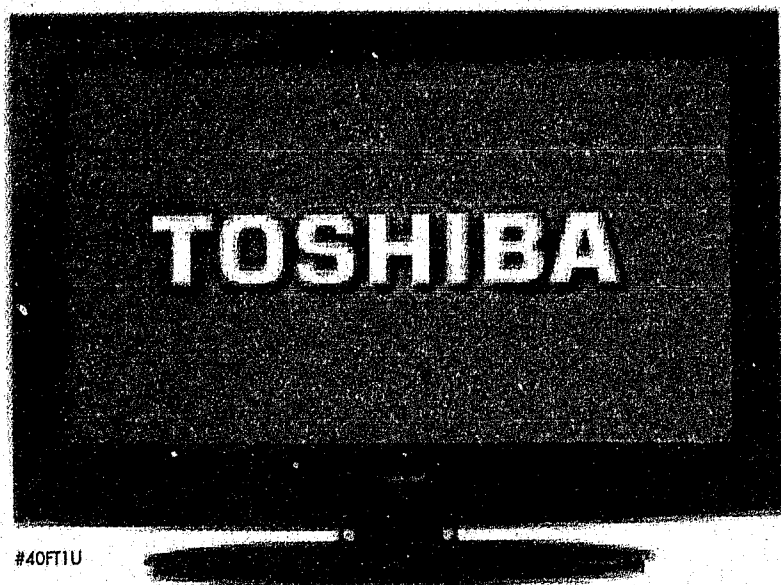
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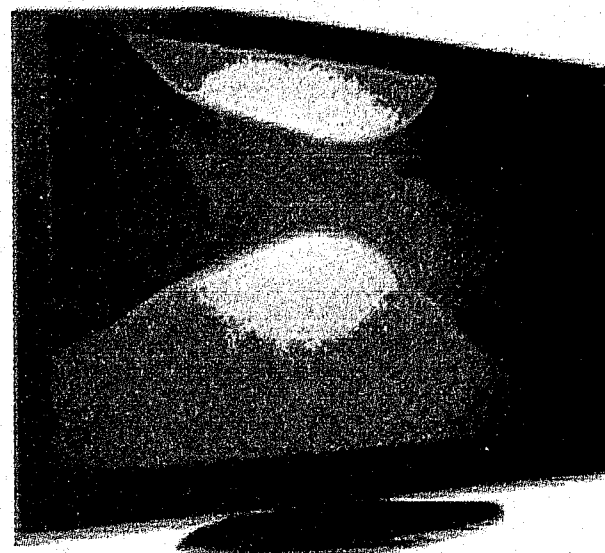
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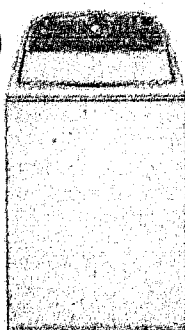


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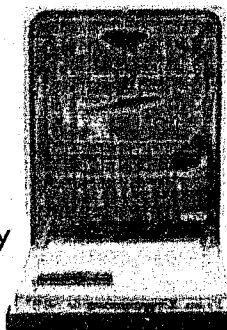


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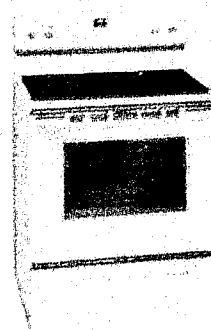


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2011 Bethel Winterfest Schedule

Friday & Saturday, January 21 & 22:

Wine Dinner for Two Special at The Bethel Inn Resort's Main Dining Room. A four course dinner and a shared bottle of wine for just \$29.95 per person! Early seating, 5:30pm - 6:30pm. Reservations required, 207-824-2175. www.bethelinn.com

Live music at the Inn... The Bethel Inn Resort will have live entertainment on weekends during WinterFest, downstairs in The Millbrook Tavern! Come early for dinner, stay late for music, dancing and cocktails! Friday - Jim Austin. Saturday - Chad Porter. www.bethelinn.com

Saturday, January 22:

FREE Snowshoe demonstration and scavenger hunt on Festival Plaza, compliments of True North Adventureware and Tubbs Snowshoes. 10am - 3pm. We will be there ready to provide snowshoes and will have a fun course to navigate. Find out why snowshoeing is one of the fastest growing winter activities. FMI: 207-824-2201.

Oliver Twist Children's Musical: Approximately 50 SAD #44 K-5 students will appear in the show with Children's Stage Adventures (CSA) actors/educators Ben Regan and Chandra Diesel. Oliver Twist is an original musical adaptation of the classic Dickens' tale of the orphaned boy whose good and sturdy spirit supports him through the difficult and exciting times of growing up in Victorian England. Saturday ~3 pm - Crescent Park Elementary School.

Horse-drawn Sleigh Rides at The Bethel Inn Resort, 21 Broad St., Bethel, Maine. 1/2 hour rides from 5-7pm. Admission: Adults - \$15, Children 12 & under - \$12. Reservations recommended. FMI: 207-824-2175 ext. 0. www.bethelinn.com

Full Moon Hike & Snowshoe - A guided winter hike to the peak of Mt Abram to view a spectacular full moon. Meets at the base area at 5:45pm with a prompt departure to the top at 6:00pm. Gear is transported to the summit so you can focus on taking in all of the night sights. After reaching the summit the group relaxes with hot cider, cheese and crackers and sometimes a little music. Then it hikers choice of descent of the mountain whether by foot or by ski. Approximately round trip time of 2.5 hours. No advance reservation required but recommended by calling 875-5000 ext. 315 or email kevinr@mtabram.com. www.mtabram.com 5:45 PM.

The Underachievers at Loose Boots Lounge - Mt. Abram. Enjoy an evening of entertainment at Mt. Abram. www.skimtabram.com Call 207-875-5000 or email info@skimtabram.com for more details.

Saturday & Sunday, January 22 & 23:

Owens Corning will have an informational booth on Festival Plaza both weekends of WinterFest from 10am to 5pm, and also Wed, & Fri from 1-5pm. Find their table at the Thursday Rail Jam from 5-9pm.

Check out their booth and be sure to enter the drawings to win a house full of replacement windows and/or a finished basement or garage system installed and fully furnished. www.ocboston.com

Helicopter Rides at the end of the Casablanca parking lot, near Mechanic St. ~ 3 1/4 minutes - \$25 per person ~ 11am-4pm. Rides provided by CR Helicopters.

Sunday, January 23:

XC Ski Tour. Come for a fun 10K XC Ski tour at Carter's XC Ski Center in Bethel. Everyone's a winner! Ski Hall of Famer's to the new found ski lover. 10 am. Potluck lunch to follow - bring something to share. A fun get together for young and old alike. www.cartersxski.com

Greenstock Snow Sports Club Ride is open to all. Meet at the kiosk behind Lowell's Saw Shop, 245 Walkers Mills Road, at 9:45am. Free! www.greenstocksnowsports.com

MID-WEEK EVENTS

Monday-Friday, January 24-28:

Alpine Skiing Events: Go50 Week 2011 at Sunday River Resort. Celebrate being over 50 and active! Activities this entire week are dedicated to those over the age of 50 and include free Snowflake Factory tours, a wine dinner, moonlit snowshoeing, a sock hop, and live entertainment, plus great vacation packages for skiers and riders 50 and over. FMI: 800-543-2SKI. www.sundayriver.com Skiway Road, Newry, Maine.

Mon. Wed. & Fri., January 24, 26, & 28:

Free 20-minute Nordic ski clinics Monday, Wednesday, and Friday at the Bethel Nordic Ski Center at The Bethel Inn Resort. 207-824-6276. www.caribourecreation.com

Monday-Thursday, January 24-27:

Buy one day pass and get the second one at half-price mid-week at the Bethel Nordic Ski Center at The Bethel Inn Resort. 207-824-6276. www.caribourecreation.com

Tuesday-Saturday, January 25-29:

Bethel Historical Society exhibit featuring "The History of Skiing in the Bethel Area." Robinson House, 10 Broad Street, Bethel, Maine, across from the town common. 10am-4pm. Free admission. FMI: www.bethelhistorical.org

Tuesday, January 25:

2 for 1 entrees in The Millbrook Tavern & Grille at The Bethel Inn Resort. Purchase a tavern entrée and receive your second item for FREE. 5pm - 9pm, downstairs in the Main Inn. 207-824-2175. www.bethelinn.com

Wed. Thurs. Fri., January 26, 27, 28

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Thursday, January 27:

Mexican Night at The Bethel Inn Resort. Authentic Mexican cuisine in our comfortable, family friendly Millbrook Tavern & Grille. 207-824-2175. www.bethelinn.com

Maine Street Rail Jam: 151 Main Street, Bethel, Maine. 5 pm start for two classes -- skiers and snowboarders. Free spectator event -- come watch terrific skiers and snowboarders compete. The event will take place on the street between the Sudbury Inn & Homeslice Pizza on lower Main Street. Awards immediately following the event. Registration begins at 2pm, next to the course. Registration fee is \$20. Helmet are required during competition. Those 18 and under must have a waiver signed by parent or guardian to participate. FMI: 207-824-2282.

Friday & Saturday, January 28 & 29:

Wine Dinner for Two Special at The Bethel Inn Resort's Main Dining Room. A four course dinner and a shared bottle of wine for just \$29.95 per person! Early seating, 5:30pm - 6:30pm. Reservations required, 207-824-2175. www.bethelinn.com

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Saturday, Jan. 29:

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Snow Groomer Rides: compliments of the Greenstock Snowmobile Club at the corners of Main & Cross Streets, Bethel, Maine. 10am - 4pm. FREE. www.greenstocksnowsports.com

Horse-drawn Sleigh Rides at The Bethel Inn Resort, 21 Broad St., Bethel, Maine. 1/2 hour rides from 5-7pm. Admission: Adults - \$15; Children 12 & under - \$12. Reservations recommended. FMI: 207-824-2175 ext. 0. www.bethelinn.com

Black Diamond Entertainment Presents: Rainforest Reptile Show. Leaping Lizards everywhere! Learn about the largest lizards in the world along with everything in between. A unique show that engages inquiring minds of all ages. A hands on and educational experience that allows for direct contact with live animals and interesting stories about their natural habitats. Come see this popular show filled with living dinosaurs! Located in the North & South Ballroom of the Grand Summit Resort Hotel at Sunday River. 7:00pm. www.sundayriver.com

Fine Dining at The Peak Wine Dinner. Fine dining at 2,100 ft. Ride the Chondola to North Peak while night skiers and riders schuss and shred below. Delight your palate with complimentary champagne, passed hors d'oeuvres, an exquisite 4 course dinner, each course accompanied with a glass of wine, and live musical entertainment. This is a one-of-a-kind fine dining experience that you will not forget. This special event will feature the wines of Joel Gott. Wines will include: Sauvignon Blanc, Riesling, Relative Red, 815 Cab and Zinfandel. One seating at 7pm, open until 10pm. Cost: \$79 per person. Reservations are required. For more details or to make reservations, call 824-5076. Menu coming soon! www.sundayriver.com

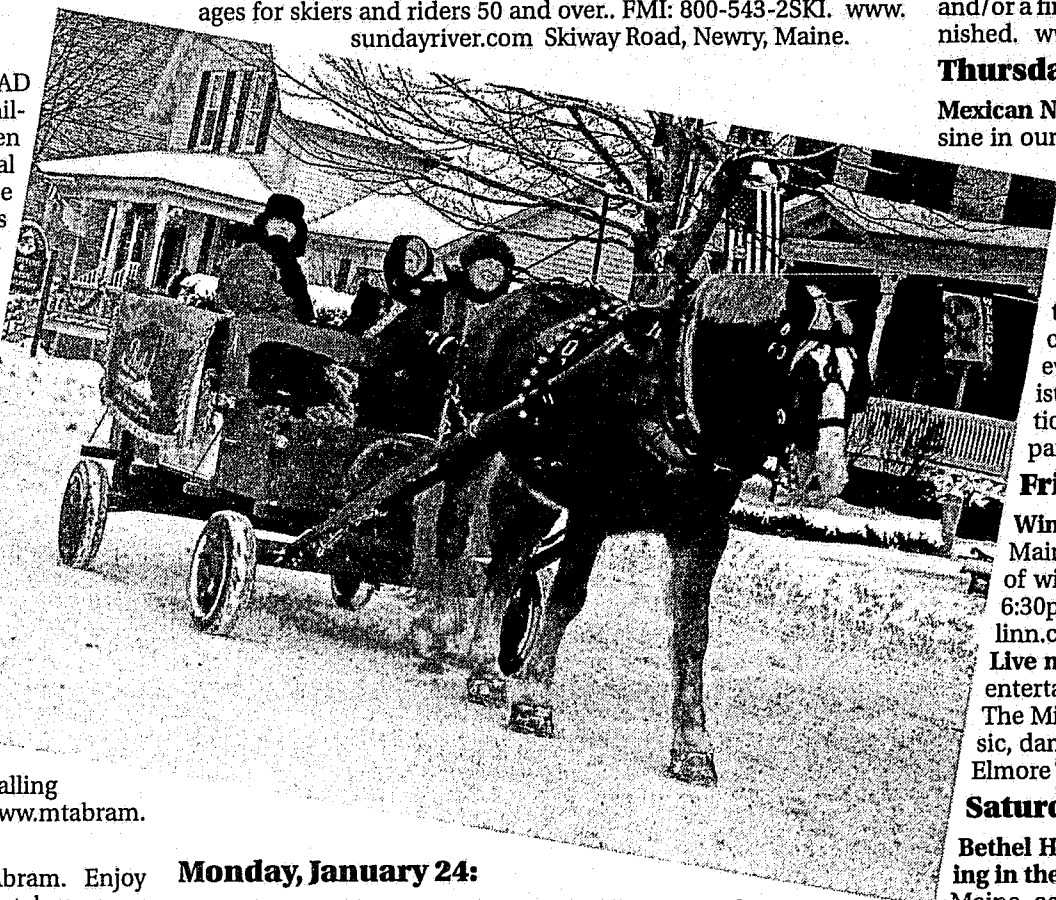
Bud Light Music Series presents 'Lush Puppy'. 3-6 & 7-10 PM at the Foggy Goggle at Sunday River Resort. This rock cover band from Maine is nothing short of an awesome time! With vocalist Joe Bur-nell, Andy Demmens on guitar, bassist Kyle "Just Kyle," and Thoth Bureau on the drums, you'll be rocking along to some of your favorite songs. 207.824.3000. www.sundayriver.com

Saturday & Sunday, Jan. 29 & 30:

USASA Snowboard Race at Mt. Abram - slalom and GS event. Registration: 7:30-8:45 - Base Lodge. Lifts Open: 8:30. Warm-up / GS Course Set & Inspection: 8:30-10:15. Riders Meeting: 10:15-10:30 - Top of Course. GS Racing: 10:30-11:30. SL Course Set & Inspection: 11:30-12:45. SL Racing: 12:45-1:45. Awards: 2:30 - Base Lodge. Contact Sean Keough with any event or series questions - theough@aol.com

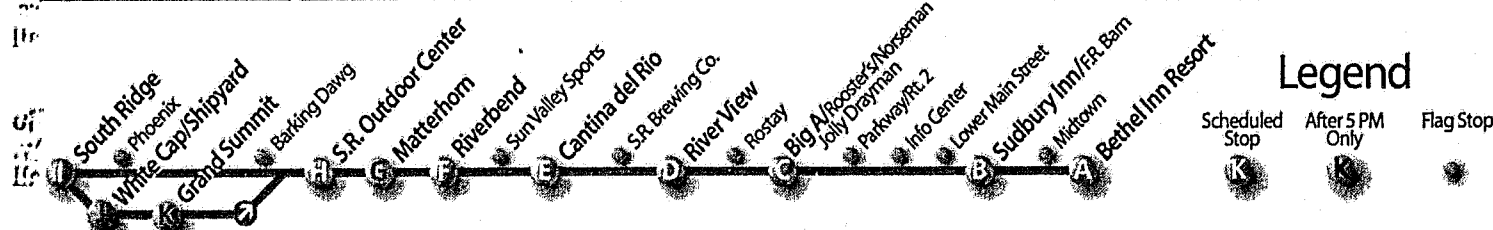
Tele-Daze at Mt. Abram. Free telemark demos with a purchase of lift ticket at Mt. Abram. Call 207-875-5000 or email info@skimtabram.com

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connects Bethel, Newry & Sunday River



Bethel to Sunday River												
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FUTURE TRANSIT

Community Calendar

Indoor Winter Walking at Telstar Regional High School: Monday-Friday, 6:15-7:15 a.m. and 2:30-7 p.m.

Thru Mid-March

10 a.m. to 5 p.m. - **McLaughlin Garden** open Wednesday-Saturday thru winter months and closed Sunday-Tuesday. FMI: 743-8820 or www.mclaughlingarden.org

Thursday, Jan. 20

5:30 p.m. - **Oxford County Democrats** Volunteer Recognition Dinner at Eagles Hall, Oxford Avenue, Rumford. (Snow date: Jan. 27). Volunteers in 2010 campaign guests at dinner, others charged \$7 p.p. FMI or RSVP: John Patrick (364-7666) or Cathy Newell (875-2116) or cathyn@megalink.net

6 p.m. - **Potluck Supper** at Wilkins Community House, Plummer Hill Road, Waterford. Bring dish to share. FMI: 583-6677.

Friday, Jan. 21

5:30 p.m. - **Community Potluck Supper** at First Universalist Church, Main Street, West Paris. No charge, but bring dish to share. Non-members welcome.

Saturday, Jan. 22

10 a.m. - **Mahoosuc Land Trust** hike to Mt. Ingalls, leaving from Philbrook Farm Inn parking area, off Route 2 in Shelburne, N.H.. Climb about six miles. Winter gear, hiking poles recommended. Bring lunch/water. FMI: 824-3806 or mlt@mahoosuc.org

Jan. 22, Feb. 19, March 19

10 a.m. to 3 p.m. - **Heartsaver CPR and First Aid** classes at Oxford Public Safety Building. Certification in one day only - accepted for day care, foster parents, Maine guides, forestry, and non-healthcare position. FMI: Patty 671-4460 or pluked@yahoo.com

Saturday, Jan. 22

10 a.m. to Noon - **Open House Women's Imaging Center**, Stephens Memorial Hospital, to introduce new digital mammography. Tours, educational materials, refreshments.

5:45 p.m. - **Guided Winter Hike** at Mt. Abram to view spectacular full moon. Meet at base area, leave 6 p.m. Hot cider, cheese/crackers, music at top. Advance reservation not required but recommended (875-5000 Ext 315) or e-mail Kevinr@matabram.com.

7:30 p.m. - **Oddfellow Theater**, Buckfield, presents **Buckfield Unplugged**. Tickets: \$14 adults/\$12 seniors/\$8 children 12 and under. FMI or tickets: Box Office (836-8306) or www.oddfellow.com

Jan. 22 and 29

7 to 10 p.m. - **Jones Dance Band** playing old-fashioned dance music at South Paris Legion Hall, Church Street. Adults \$5. Lunch counter open.

Saturday, Jan. 22 to Sunday, Jan. 30

Bethel WinterFest. Ice Mountain and Ice Climbing

Demos, Nordic, Alpine and Snowshoe Events, Maine Street Rail Jam, Ice Skating, Snowmobile Events and Snow Groomer Rides, Sleigh rides, Helicopter Rides, Indoor Activities, Mt. Abram 50th Anniversary Celebration, Sunday River's Go50 Week Events, Owen's Corning Exhibit and Raffle. FMI: 824-2282.

Sunday, Jan. 23

SAD 17 and RSU 10 Free Ski Day at Sunday River Ski Resort. \$10 lift ticket/\$10 rental/Adult learn to ski/ride clinic/50 percent food and beverage discount.
2 to 4 p.m. - **Retirement Gathering** for Bob Hutchins and Evelyn Morin at Crescent Park School cafeteria.

Monday, Jan. 24

10 a.m. - **Essentials of College Planning** free workshop hosted by The Maine Educational Opportunity Center. Jan. 24 at South Paris Career Center, 232 Main Street. To register and FMI: (800) 281-3703 or visit <http://meoc.maine.edu>
6:30 p.m. - **Waterford Library Bridge** group meeting. No partner necessary. Players with basic knowledge of bridge welcome. FMI: 583-2719.

Monday, Jan. 24 and 31

2:30 to 4:30 p.m. - **"Babysitting 101"** Training offered by Girl Scouts of Maine to girls in grades 5 thru 8 at Telstar Middle School. Cost: \$5 for registered Girl Scouts and \$17 non Girl Scouts (includes \$12 GS membership fee). Pre-registration/payment must be in by Jan. 15. FMI: Jeanie Duguay (364-363) or 1-888-922-4763 Ext. 237 or jduguay@gsmaine.org

Tuesday, Jan. 25 for six weeks

4:30 to 6 p.m. - **Grief Support Group** begins at Stephens Memorial Hospital. Free, but registration required: Robin Green, LCSW at 743-1562 ext 379.

Wednesday, Jan. 26

4:30-6:30 p.m. - **Community Supper** (No Charge) at Bethel Alliance Church, 251 Walker's Mills Road (across from Telstar parking lot). Call 824-2289 for more information.

Thursday, Jan. 27

SAD 44 White Cap Evening at Sunday River Ski Resort. Free Tubing Pass for evening.

Thursdays, Jan. 27 thru Feb. 10

5 to 6 p.m. - **T'ai Chi for Beginners**, taught by Betsey Foster at Telstar Regional High School. To register: 824-2780.

Friday, Jan. 28

7 p.m. - **Norway Open Mic Night**, First Universalist Church, 479 Main Street. Sign-up begins 6:30 p.m. Admission: \$3. Refreshments available. Everyone welcome. FMI: (603) 733-6350 or e-mail heather@heatherpierson.com

Saturday, Jan. 29

7 p.m. - **Black Diamond Entertainment Series** Rep-tile Show at Grand Summit Hotel Grand Ballroom, Sunday River. Tickets: adults \$6 advance/\$8 door, 12 and under \$4/\$6, 5 and under free. Advance tickets: Sunday River Welcome Center, Grand Resort hotels, Snow Cap Inn or call (800) 543-2SKI.

Saturday and Sunday, Jan. 29 and 30

Mt. Abram's 50th Anniversary Celebration. Lift ticket special, Costume Parade 4 p.m., Big Air Contest 5 to 8 p.m., live music from Cinnamon 8 to midnight, fireworks 9 p.m. Saturday. FMI: 875-5000, info@skim.org or www.mtabram.com.

Sunday, Jan. 30

SAD 44 Free Ski Day at Sunday River Ski Resort. Free lift ticket/free rental/free adult learn to ski/ride clinic/50 percent food and beverage discount.

Monday, Jan. 31

7:30 p.m. - **Portland String Quartet** performing at Leura Hill Eastman Performing Arts Center, Fryeburg Academy (changed from 24th). Tickets: \$10 adults/\$5 seniors, non-Fryeburg students. FMI: Jackie Lounsbury 935-9232.

Wednesday, Feb 2

All-You-Can-Eat Pizza Night at Matterhorn, Sunday River Road, Newry, sponsored by Rotary Club of Bethel. Tickets: \$15 p/p from a club member or at door. Proceeds benefit Rotary's Scholarship Fund in honor of Rocky Freda.

Saturday, Feb. 5

10 a.m. to 2 p.m. - **Free Car Seat Safety Event** for hands-on child safety seat inspections and advice at Norway Fire Station, Beal Street, sponsored by The Family Birthplace at Stephens Memorial Hospital. FMI: 743-1562 Ext 128.

1 p.m. - **Chinese Auction**, Oxford Hills High School Cafeteria. Doors open 11 a.m.. Lunch on sale. Fundraiser for Project Graduation. FYI or to make donation: Nancy Henderson (674-2936) or leave at school with Pam Colby.

7 p.m. - **Black Diamond Entertainment Series** presents Australian Outback Encounters at Grand Ballroom of Grand Summit Hotel, Sunday River. Tickets: adults advance \$6/door \$8, 12 and under \$4/\$6, age 5 and under free. Advance tickets available at Sunday River Welcome Center, Grand Resort Hotels, Snow Cap Inn or call (800) 543-2SKI.

Monday, Feb. 7

6:30 to 8:30 p.m. - **Socrates Cafe** gathering a Waterford Library. Topic: "Responding to Change," with Kim Kearney, moderator. FMI: 583-6957 or e-mail wla@waterford.lib.me.us

Thursday, Feb. 10

SAD 44 White Cap Evening at Sunday River Ski Resort. Free Tubing Pass for evening.

REGULAR MEETINGS AND EVENTS

Municipal

Bethel selectmen: Second and fourth Mondays of the month, 7 p.m., Town Office.

Bethel Planning Board: Second and fourth Wednesdays of the month, 7 p.m., Town Office.

Bethel Water District: Third Tuesday of the month, 7 p.m., Town Office.

Gilead Selectmen: Second Wednesdays of the month, 6 p.m., Town Office

Gilead Planning Board: First Thursdays of the month, 7 p.m., Town Office.

Greenwood selectmen: First and third Tuesdays of the month, 5 p.m., Town Office.

Hanover Selectmen: Third Tuesday of the month, 6 p.m. unless otherwise posted.

Hanover Planning Board: First Wednesday of the month, 6 p.m.

Newry selectmen: First and third Mondays of the month, 4 p.m., Town Office.

Newry Planning Board: First and third Wednesdays of the month, 7 p.m., Town Office.

Woodstock selectmen: First and third Tuesdays, 5 p.m., Town

Office.

Woodstock Planning Board: First and third Tuesdays, 7 p.m., Town Office

SAD 44 School Board: Second and fourth Mondays of the month, 7 p.m., Telstar High School (occasionally meet at other schools; call 824-2185 for info).

Organizations

Andover

Mondays, **TOPS Program** in Andover at First Congregational Church. Weigh-in 5:30 to 6 p.m. meetings 6 to 6:30 p.m. Annual Tops membership: \$28. FMI: Tina (557-8804) or Sharon (392-4351).

Bethel

First Sunday of month, 7 p.m.—**Bethel Snow Twisters** at 208 Walkers Mills Rd.

Tuesdays, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.—Meditation and more with **Mountain Heart Sangha**, mindfulness community practicing awareness, understanding, acceptance, harmony and love in tradition of Zen Buddhist Teacher Thich Nhat Hanh at Café Di-Cocoa. FMI: Cynthia Handlen 671-1532 or Cynthia.handlen@gmail.com. All welcome.

Wednesdays, 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.—**TOPS** at Bethel Alliance Church (weigh-in 5:30-6).

Thursdays 1 to 3 p.m.—**Cross Country Quilters** of Pine Tree

Quilt Guild of Maine meet at Moses Mason House Barn, corner of Broad and Mason streets, Bethel. All quilters welcome. FMI: e-mail Pat McCartney at p_quilts@yahoo.com or call Kathy Thrall at 824-3111.

Thursdays, 9 to 10 a.m.—**Story Time for Children at Bethel Library** (story plus craft) with Michele Perejda. FMI: call 824-2520.

Woodstock

Second Saturday of month, 6 p.m.—**Woodstock Historical Society** meeting at the Museum.

West Paris

Sundays: 2 to 4 p.m. Open House at **Finnish-American Heritage Center**, 8 Maple Street, West Paris. Public invited. Museum, gift shop, library open.

Norway/Paris

Mondays 6:30 p.m.—**Hillsmen Barbershop Chorus** rehearses at Catholic Church, Norway, New singers welcome. FMI: call Dr. Tere Porter 743-0656 evenings or Pat Fleck at 647-5005

Every Wednesday, 7 to 9 p.m. **The Yet To be Named Banjo Club** practices Fare Share Market, 477 Main Street, Norway. Interested banjoists invited to join. Public welcome. FMI: call Alan Hamilton at 875-2680

Fridays 9:15 a.m.—**Oxford Hills Duplicate Bridge**, Norway. For more information, call Les Buzzell at 783-4153 or 754-9153; or e-mail: buzz116@myfairpoint.net

SUPPORT SERVICES

ABUSED WOMEN'S ADVOCACY PROJECT

AWAP serves all of Oxford County and provides emergency shelter, court advocacy and support groups with child care. Rumford office 369-0750; Norway office 743-5086; 24 hour hotline 1-800-559-2927

REACH

Rape Education and Crisis Hotline 1-800-871-7741. Sexual assault/sexual abuse hotline, same number. Support groups and awareness education, past or present victims of abuse.

AA MEETINGS/ADDICTION HELP

Bethel Freedom Group. Open Discussion Meeting. Saturdays at 4:30 in the Snow Cap Inn conference room, next to the fitness room. Sunday River. Seasonal, Thanksgiving through April 1. Big Book Meeting Sundays at 6 p.m. at the United Methodist Church, Main Street. 12 Step/Traditions Meeting Tuesdays at 6pm at the United Methodist Church, Main Street. Open Discussion Meeting Fridays at 6 pm at Bethel United Methodist Church, Main Street.

People in recovery from alcohol/drug addiction may need to move to a Next Step group. Open to everyone who feels they may benefit from a change. FMI: Laurence Austin at 824-4077 (calls confidential)

Adult Children of Alcoholics and Dysfunctional Families

(ACOA or ACA) meeting at Waterford Library (Route 37 across from the Commons) Thursdays, 10 to 11 a.m. All welcome. FMI call 739-9115.

CANCER WELLNESS

Support and Education for cancer patients, survivors and caregivers. Every Thursday, 1:30-3 p.m. Rumford Hospital, Room 357. (877) 336-7287. Call to confirm during stormy weather.

EXCHANGES

District Exchange Community Thrift Shop accepts donations of in-season clothing in clean, wearable condition only. Drop-off hours and shopping: Monday 1-4 pm, Thursday 4-6 p.m. and Saturday, 10 a.m.-12 p.m.

HELP FOR THE HOMELESS

Rumford Group Homes, Inc. operates three homeless shelters, a transitional living program for youth 18-21, homeless youth outreach and case management services for adults and children. Emergency shelter includes the South Paris Men's Shelter, the Norway Family Center for women and children in crisis, and our Rumford Family Center in Rumford for families. To make a referral or request help in the South Paris area, call 743-6363 or call 369-9439 for help in the Rumford area M-F 9 a.m.-5 p.m. For more information on Rumford Group Homes, Inc. call 364-3551 or visit www.rumfordgrouphomes.org.

MENTAL ILLNESS

Beacon House Social Club, 150 Congress Street, Rumford, a drop-in social club for adults suffering with mental, emotional, or physical illness, provides support, relaxation, and socialization. Monday 1 to 5 p.m.; Tuesday 9 a.m.-2 p.m.; Wednesday 9 a.m.-8 p.m.; Wednesday 3-8 p.m.; Friday 2-7 p.m.; Saturday 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Oxford County Mental Health Services, support for adults and children with mental illness, same location, second floor, open Monday-Friday 8 a.m.-4 p.m. For more information, call 364-3549 or (800) 335-9999, or in off-hours 928-3222.

VETERANS' SERVICES

Maine Veterans Home, S. Paris, Veterans' Advocate visits first and third Wednesday each month, 9-12 noon (743-6300); Rumford 9-12 noon second Thursday at VA Clinic at 431 Franklin St. (369-3272). Maine Veterans' Services is located at 29 Westminster St., Lewiston (783-5306). (No visits in July)

MULTIPLE SERVICES

Community Concepts provides Oxford County Head Start, childcare, free rides to Maine Care appointments, subsidized apartments (Bethel, Brownfield, Fryeburg, Norway, Rumford, South Paris), affordable home-ownership opportunities, homeless shelter and assistance with home heating or weatherizing. FMI: call (800) 866-5588 or visit www.community-concepts.org.

LIBRARY HOURS

Andover Library: Tuesday, Wednesday, and Saturday 1-4:30 pm; Thursday 1-4:30 & 6-8 pm. Tel: 392-4841

Bethel Library: Monday 9-1; Tuesday 1-5; Wednesday 1-8; Thursday & Friday 1-5 Saturday, 9-1. Story Hour Mondays, 10-11 am October to May. Tel: 824-2520.

Whitman Memorial Library, Bryant Pond: Tel: 665-2505. Tuesday 1:30-5; Thursday 1:30-7.

West Paris Library, West Paris: Monday 1:30-6; Wednesday 1:30-7; Friday 1:30-6; Saturday 10-2. Patty Makley, Librarian. Tel: 674-2004

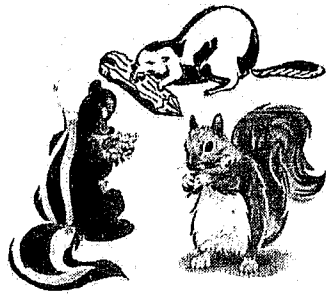
Gardner Roberts Memorial Library, Hanover: Wednesday, 9-3; Thursday, 5-8; Saturday, 9-noon.

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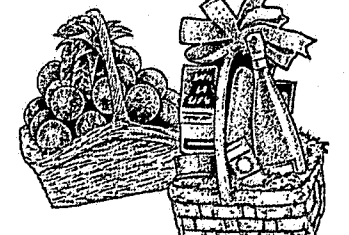
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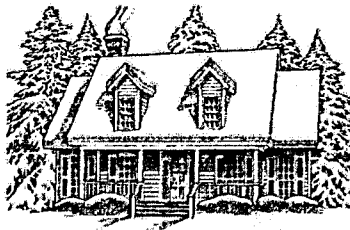
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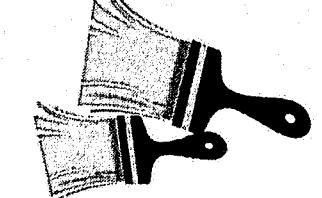
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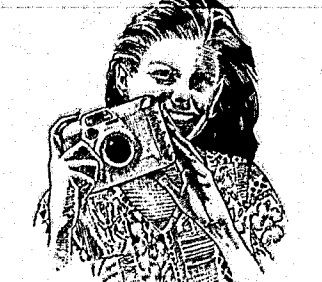
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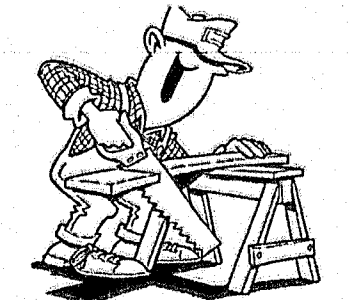
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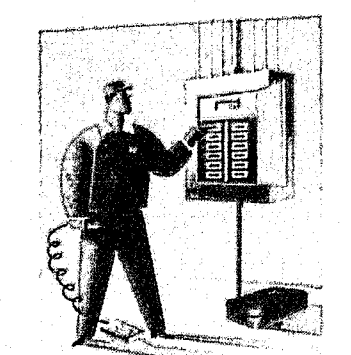
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Congregational Church - Hunts Corner, 9:30 a.m. Sunday worship and Sunday School at 9 a.m.; Pastor Eddie Gammon. Bible Study 6:30 Thursdays at the home of Fernand Corriveau.

ANDOVER

First Congregational Church - Rev. Jane Rich. Sunday morning worship 10 to 11 a.m. followed by brunch. All welcome. FMI: 392-3761.
Calvary Bible Church - Pastor Ken Wagstaff; Morning worship 10:45 - noon. Wednesday prayer meeting, 8:30 p.m. Rt. 5, South Andover. 392-1121.

BETHEL

Bethel Alliance Church - Rev. Kevin Bellinger, Pastor; Jim Rose, Youth Pastor. Sundays: Sunday school for adults and children at 9 a.m.; Worship Service at 10 a.m.; Kidz Klub (4 yrs.-5th grade) and High School Youth Group (9th-12th grade) at 5:30 p.m. Thursdays: Middle School Youth Group (6th-8th grade) at 5 p.m. For more information, call 824-2289.
Bethel Church of the Nazarene - Rev. Chuck Mason, 16 Church Street, Bethel. Sunday School, 9:30 a.m. A.M. Worship, 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, Bible Study and Prayer, 6 p.m. For information or if you need a ride or have a prayer request: 824-4028.
Roman Catholic Church of the Holy Saviour, Our Lady of the Snows - 265 Walkers Mills Road (Rt. 26), The Rev. Philip Tracy. Saturday Mass, 6 p.m. Office 364-4556, announcements 824-2933.

Episcopal House Church - Third Sunday of the month, 4 p.m. For details: 824-3932

West Parish Congregational - Church Street, Rev. Virginia Rickeman, Pastor. Sundays: 10 a.m. worship and Sunday School. Nursery and child care provided. Tuesdays: 8 a.m., informal Prayer Group with coffee in the Chapel. All are welcome. First Wednesday of the month: 8 a.m., Mens' Breakfast in the Dining Room downstairs. Entrance in rear of church. Thursdays: 7 p.m. Choir Practice in the Sanctuary. New voices welcome. FMI: 824-2689; 824-0550.

United Methodist - Carol Stevens, Pastor. 9 a.m. Sunday Worship. Bible Study, 1 p.m. Wednesday. FMI: 824-0797.

West Bethel Union - Morning worship and 9 a.m. Sunday School. For information, call 836-3533 or 836-2882. Rev. John Williams.

Pleasant Valley Bible - Pastor Aaron McNally. Sunday Services: Sunday School, 9am; Worship Service, 10am; Ladies Bible study Tuesday, 2:30pm; Small group Bible study, Tuesday 6pm; Awana Club (3-6 grades), Sunday 5-7 pm. FMI 836-3006 or 824-2037.

Church of Christ - at home of Keith Hamel, minister, 507 Walker's Mills Road (Route 26), Bethel. Sunday: Bible class, 9 a.m.; Worship Service 10 a.m. Wednesday: Bible study, 7 p.m.. 824-3577 FMI.

Seventh Day Adventist Fellowship: Meets at the Nazarene Church on Saturdays, on Church Street in Bethel. Sabbath School 9:30 a.m.; Worship, 11 a.m. For more info, call 824-8939.

EAST STONEHAM

Oxford County United Parish Churches in Stoneham and North Waterford - Services at 10 a.m. at the North Waterford Congregational Church (UCC), located on the Five Kezars Road, off Routes 35 & 37, opposite Melby's Market. Services held at North Waterford through the winter months. Choir practice 9am, followed by Bible Study at 9:15am.

GORHAM, NH

Assembly of God - Pastor Paul LeVigen. Sunday School 9:30 a.m., Sunday service 10:30 a.m., Sunday evening service 7 p.m., Wednesday Bible Study 7 p.m.. FMI 603-466-2851.
Gorham Congregational Church - Interim minister Rev. Kent Schneider. Sunday morning worship, 10 a.m. All welcome; free coffee. Communion is celebrated the first Sunday of each month. FMI 603-466-2136.

LOCKE MILLS

Locke Mills Union - Pastor Sondra Withey. Sunday morning service will begin at 9 a.m. Bible study at the church is every Tuesday at 6:30 pm. Everyone is welcome.

NEWRY

Sunday River Christian Ministry: Interdenominational worship with the Rev. Don Coverdale, seasonal Christmas Eve through Easter. Sunday 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. at White Cap, on the second floor. For more information, 824-5896 (recording).

NORWAY/PARIS

First Church of Christ,

Scientist - Sunday service 10 a.m., Wed. Testimony service 7:30 p.m. 5 Morrill Rd/ Rt. 118 (catercorner to Norway Country Club), Norway. Call 824.4099 FMI or ride.

Trinity Lutheran

Church - Route 117, S. Paris. Pastors Kim Marie and Tom Myhre. Sunday School at 9am; Sunday morning service 10:15 a.m. with coffee, refreshments and good fellowship. Bible Study, Wednesdays 7 p.m.

North Paris Federation - Morse Hill Road, North Paris. Sunday Service 8 a.m.. Pastor Bruce Tyner. 674-2968. Singers perform third Sunday each month alternating with West Paris Baptist Church at 7 p.m..

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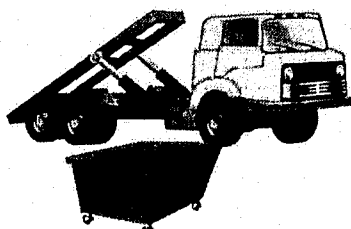
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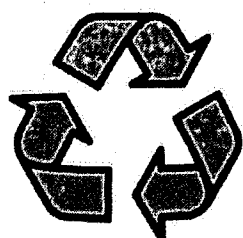
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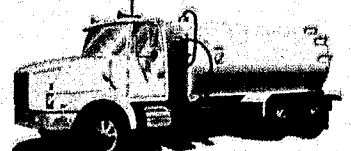
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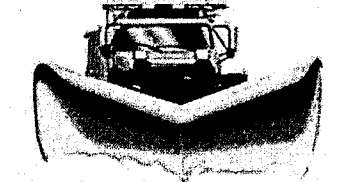
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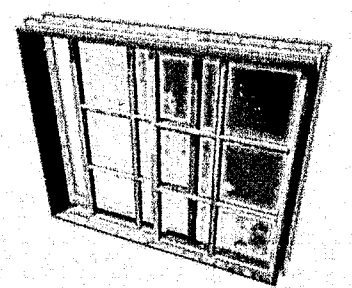
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From the Director

Happy New Year! MKA has started off the new year with some new programming we are all excited about. I am happy to announce that we have started Karate on Thursdays at the Woodstock school. Our friends from the Maine Kyokushin Karate in Norway have added another class so we have programs at CPS and WES this winter. We have also added programming in all of our schools from the Bryant Pond 4-H camp. The kids love snowshoeing in the woods and learning about animal tracks. The camp staff brings their environmental education skills right to our students. We are also happy to once again support the WES cross country skiing program that has 40 students participating in this winter! We are all happy to have some snow so the kids can enjoy winter activities.

Our TMS/THS students were recently recognized at an assembly for the art work they have been working on. Several canvas paintings are in the process of being framed and put on display all around the Telstar Complex. The THS site is sponsoring a SAT Prep class starting on Jan 20th that will run on Thursdays through April for any student who would like to brush up on skills that will be on the SAT test. Our thanks to teachers Deb Piccirillo and Doug Bennett for teaching the class.

Our elementary sites will be putting out a survey of parents who may need child care during February vacation. If you need care please call or send a note into the school site. Thank you.

-Julie Hart, MKA Director



Austin Westliegh, Mario Devivo and Dante Maravalle pose to show their faces for bozo's birthday.



Austin And mario showing thier birds they created for national bird day as you can tell it is the same day as Bozo the clowns birthday January 5th



Chase Ormiston creating her bird for national bird day, which was January 5th.



Maddox Ormiston painting Bella DeVivo's face for bozo the clowns birthday.



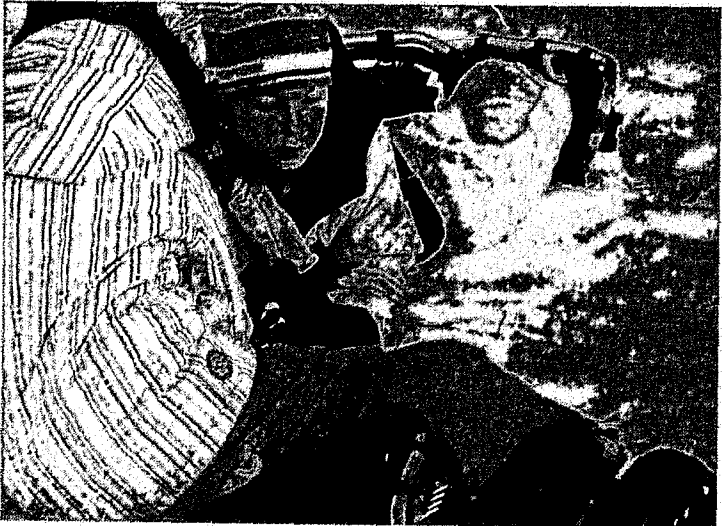
Harry, our friend from the 4-H Camp, helps Colby Hastings put on a pair of snowshoes.



Jake Chiasson and Alexander Baribeau have just finished making short bread for national short bread day January 6th.



Bella DeVivo Cella Melanson and Hannah Pierce get ready to make play dough.



Luci Rothwell relaxes while waiting to snowshoe.



Ella Kellogg is ready to go snowshoeing.



Kaylee & Ani working on paper mache lungs.



Chastity working on homework.



Emily & Mercedes Working on the MKA bulletin board.

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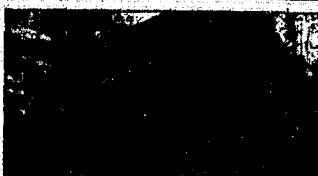
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33 Douglass Rd, Newry: This 3-BR/3-bath whole-log home has hardwood floors, a stone fireplace and a cathedral ceiling. Large windows showcase the slope view. Screened-in porch. Minutes from Sunday River. Beautifully landscaped lawn & a paved driveway to the 2-car garage. \$578,000



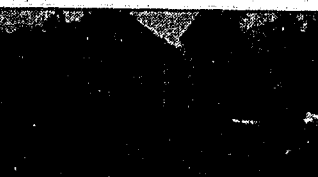
26 North Main St, Woodstock: This house is best known for its gingerbread trim & pristine condition. Located across the street from Lake Christopher. Features 6 BRs, hardwood floors, tin ceilings, a large kitchen with a wood cookstove, a double parlor with pocket doors and a beautiful fireplace. \$159,900



9 Flaherty Lane, Greenwood: An excellent value. Nicely maintained cape with 3 BRs, 2 baths. Beautiful lot with tall pines. Walk-out basement with woodstove could be utilized as additional living space for family room. Located close to Bethel Village & minutes to Sunday River and Mt. Abram. \$159,000



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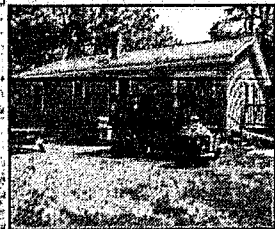
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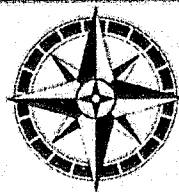
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Obituaries


RICHARD F. STUCCHI

Richard F. Stucchi, 81, formerly of Hudson, Mass., died Jan. 7, 2011 at Bolton Manor Nursing Center in Marlborough, Mass.

Born and raised in Framingham, Mass., son of the late Vincenzo and Victoria (Piazza) Stucchi, he lived in Hudson from 1964-1996 before moving to Northborough.

Mr. Stucchi was employed at Compugraphic in Wilmington for many years as a mechanical engineer. He graduated from Northeastern University. Mr. Stucchi enjoyed woodworking, golfing, tennis, square dancing and fishing. Richard served in the U.S. Army as a First Lieutenant serving in Germany during the Korean War. Mr. Stucchi was a member of St. Bernadette Church.

He leaves his wife of 58 years, Lorraine (Molloy) Stucchi; three sons, Richard Stucchi of Montana, Paul Stucchi of Hawaii and Christopher Stucchi of Danvers, Mass.; two daughters, Kathleen Hawthorne of Greenwood, Maine and Carol Molinari of North Attleboro; five grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; four brothers, James and Edward Stucchi of Florida, Rudolph Stucchi of Hopkinton and William Stucchi of Framingham; one sister, Thelma Wood of Framingham; several nieces and nephews. He is predeceased by a sister Virginia Joslin.

The Funeral Mass was celebrated Jan. 11, at St. Bernadette Church, Northborough. Burial followed at Evergreen Cemetery, Marlborough, Mass.

For online condolences, visit www.haysfuneralhome.com

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HILDA W. BROWN

Hilda Wright Brown left this earth to be with the angels on Jan. 11, 2011 surrounded by her family. She is an inspiration to all who knew her with her kindness and unending love and energy.

She was born to George A. and Violet L. Wright on Aug. 30, 1921 in Northfleet Kent, England, which remained her homeland. She loved reminiscing of childhood there with brothers Jack, Elmer, George and sister Kathleen.

When the war threatened Europe, she joined the British Royal Air Force where she met her future husband, Irving W. Brown, a member of the US Air Force. Following the war, they made their home in Bethel and raised four amazing children, David, Kathy, Suki, and Bob.

She touched thousands of lives as a cook in the Bethel school system. Students knew that they could always count on Hilda for nourishment and encouragement.

One of her greatest loves was her grandchildren: Tammy Davis, Denise Brown, Aaron Bean, Carl and Gene Baker, Mathieu, AJ, and Christa DeRaspe. And she was happy as seven great-grand children were added. She lived for family visits when she would stuff everyone with her wonderful meals, cookies and pies and showered them with her knitted gifts.

Survivors include her beloved husband of 65 years, Irving. Children David and wife Judi, Kathleen and husband Larry Baker, Suki (Carol Sue), Bob and wife Suzanne, and a special niece, Berta Broomhall. A special thanks to the entire staff of the Androscoggin Valley Hospital. Online condolences may be shared with her family at www.andrewsgreenleaf.com

Per Hilda's request there will be no service at this time. In lieu of flowers, donations in Hilda's memory may be made to Telstar High School Scholarship Fund.

NANCY C. TYLER

Nancy C. Tyler, 52, of Andover, formerly of Farmington Falls, died Tuesday, Jan. 11, 2011 at Franklin Memorial Hospital, Farmington, with her family at her side.

She was born on Nov 17, 1958, in Farmington, a daughter of Albert and Ada (Harnden) Tyler. She graduated from Mt. Blue High School in 1977, and later went to KVCC in Fairfield earning her associates degree in applied science.

For the past 17 years, Nancy had worked for Maine Department of Transportation in Augusta and served as a Planning and Research Associate. For 10 of those years, she worked for the Maine Local Roads Center, where she was in contact with hundreds of municipal officials through the state of Maine. Nancy devoted much of her work time to providing technical assistance to local road officials or helping them enroll in training workshops.

Her greatest pleasure in life, however, was time spent with her family and her friends, especially her two sons and three granddaughters.

She is survived by her mother, Ada Tyler of Farmington; her longtime companion, since age 13, Larry Norton of Andover; two sons, Toby Tyler and his wife Melanie of Farmington Falls and Todd Tyler of Lewiston; granddaughters, Elisha, Alexis and Lilah Tyler; siblings, Marilyn Gilmore of Florida, Janet Kennedy and her husband Alton, of Industry, Gail Currier of Farmington, David Tyler and his wife, "Peachie," of Farmington, Joseph Tyler and his wife, Debbie, of Winterport, Peter Tyler and his companion, Veronica, of New Vineyard and Edward Tyler and his wife, Cindy, of Farmington; and several nieces and nephews.

She was predeceased by her father; her daughter, Elisha Tyler on Sept 16, 1981; and siblings, Elaine Flagg, Suzanne Nile and John Tyler.

A celebration of Nancy's life was held Saturday, Jan. 15, at the Chesterville Town Hall, Dutch Gap Road, Chesterville with Philip A. Curtis officiating. Memorial graveside services will be held in the spring at Fairview Cemetery in Farmington. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Nancy's memory to the Harold Alfond Center for Cancer Care, 361 Old Belgrade Road, Augusta, ME 04330.

Words of condolence and tribute may be shared with her family at www.wilesr.com.

STEPHEN LEE POWERS

Stephen Lee Powers Sr., 56, of Norway was taken unexpectedly on Jan. 13, 2011 to be with the Lord.

Stephen was born in Rumford, June 24, 1954, son of the late Warren Morgan Powers and Ida Larmore Powers. He grew up in Newry and gradu-

ated from Telstar High School in 1973. Stephen was an avid woodsman throughout his life and enjoyed being outside whether it be on a tractor, 4-wheeler or snowmobile.

He was presently employed for the Oxford Highway Department. Stephen and his son were enthusiastic members of the Antique Tractor Club.

He is survived by his wife of 33 years, Sandra Komulainen Powers; his daughter, Miranda Lee New and husband Kevin New of Auburn; his son, Stephen Lee Powers Jr. and companion Lisa Lombard of Norway; his grandson, who was his pride and joy, Braden M. New of Auburn; a sister, Susan Leeson and her husband Dean of Binghamton, N.Y.; and a brother, Tim Powers of Newry.

A memorial service was held Saturday, Jan. 15, at the Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church, Route 117 in South Paris. In lieu of flowers, please make donations to the Maine Antique Tractor Club, c/o Harriett Spencer, 35 North Shore Drive, Smithfield, ME 04978, or a charity of your choice.

Online condolences may be expressed to the family at www.oxfordhillsfuneralservices.com

GORDON E. SMITH

Gordon E. Smith, 83, of Norway passed away on Friday, Jan. 14 at the Maine Veterans' Home.

He was born in Oxford on Oct. 18, 1927 the son of Egbert and Delia Green Smith. He graduated from Oxford High School where he was a pitcher for the baseball team. He also played minor league ball. He entered the U.S. Air Force during World War II. He attended East Coast Aero Tech before being called back into active duty during the Korean War.

He married Betty Benedetto on Sept. 24, 1951. In 1958 he took over management of the Red/White store, in 1961 he opened Smith's Shop 'n Save. He served as President of the Jr. Chamber of Commerce, the Oxford Hills Boosters Club and Norway Country Club. He was a member of the Norway/Paris Kiwanis Club, the Norway/Paris Fish and Game and served on the building committee at St. Catherine of Siena Church. He was a director at Norway National Bank and Oxford Bank. He also served as trustee of Stephens Memorial Hospital. He enjoyed fishing, skiing, hunting, golf and travel. Gordon was a member of the Cinnamon Camp Club and the Kennebago Lake Camp Owners Association.

He is survived by his wife, Betty of Norway; a son, Michael and his wife Beth of Bethlehem, Penn.; and three grandsons, Benjamin, Matthew and William. He was predeceased by a brother, Norman; and a sister, Gloria. Online condolences may

be shared with his family at www.chandlerfunerals.com

A Mass of Christian burial will be held on Saturday, Jan. 22 at 11 a.m. at St. Catherine of Siena Church. Family and friends may attend visitation from 9 to 10:30 a.m. on Saturday prior to the church service at Chandler Funeral Homes & Cremation Service, 45 Main Street, South Paris. Interment will be in the spring at Lakeview Cemetery in Norway.

Donations in his memory may be made to: The Maine Alzheimer's Association, 170 U.S. Route 1, Suite 250, Falmouth, ME 04105.

STANLEY DURGIN

Stanley Durgin, 89, of Paris Hill passed away on Monday, Jan. 17, 2011 at the Hospice House.

He was born in Sweden, Jan. 21, 1921, the son of Cyrus and Fannie Wilson Durgin. He grew up in Paris and graduated from Paris High School in 1940. He was a four-letter athlete participating in basketball, baseball, football and track.

He enlisted in the U.S. Army shortly after graduation. After basic training, he was deployed to the Philippines as a member of the highly trained 27th Bombardment Group, 48th Material Squadron. The group arrived in Manila in late November 1941, less than a year later, he was captured by the Japanese.

Following his capture, he was force-marched 65 miles to San-Fernando in what is now known as the Bataan Death March. He also survived the infamous Japanese "Hell Ships" and 3 1/2 years in multiple prison camps.

When the war ended in 1945, he was one of approximately 3,600 survivors out of the 36,000 Americans, who surrendered in World War II. He received the Asiatic Pacific Campaign medal, Philip-

pine Defense Medal, Presidential Unit Citation, World War II Victory medal, Honorable Service Lapel button, the Bronze Star, Army Good Conduct medal, American Defense Service medal, Prisoner of War medal and the Purple Heart.

After his return from prison camp, he married his high school sweetheart, F. Mary Stearns on Dec. 26, 1945. Stan became well known in the Oxford Hills area as a barber at Pokey French's, where he clipped everyone he could. He was also a "popular" school bus driver in South Paris for many years. He retired from A.C. Lawrence when he was 62.

In retirement, he had many hobbies including metal work, wood work, plain, old tinkering, fiddling, telling jokes, laughing, being a grandfather and eventually a great-grandfather.

He is survived by his wife of 65 years, Mary; daughter, Vickie Matero and her husband Stan of Gray; son, Larry and his wife Tara of Greenwood; grandchildren, Jessica and husband Phil, Caleb and companion, Heidi and Kinsey and companion Pernille; great-grandchildren, Kyle, Ashley, Graycee, and a baby girl to be born in May; step grandchildren, David and Cathy, Karen and Tim and wife Angie Matero; step great-grandchildren, Jordan and Oskar Matero.

Online condolences may be shared with his family at www.chandlerfunerals.com.

Funeral services will be held Sunday, Jan. 23 at 2 p.m. at Chandler Funeral Homes and Cremation Service, 45 Main Street, South Paris.

In lieu of flowers, donations in his memory may be made to the Hospice House, Androscoggin Home Care and Hospice, PO Box 819, Lewiston, ME 04240.

Births

Melissa Sheriden and Andy Beaton of Bethel are pleased to announce the arrival of a baby boy, Owen Philip Beaton, born on Dec. 8, 2010 at Stephens Memorial Hospital, weighing 7 pounds, 10 ounces. Maternal grandparents are Philip and Christine Sheriden, Marshfield, Mass. Paternal grandparent is Linda Beaton of Epping, N.H.

Mary Harrington and Alex Graves of Albany Township are pleased to announce the arrival of a baby girl, Aemelia Graves, born on Dec. 17, 2010 at Stephens Memorial Hospital, weighing 7 pounds, 4 ounces.

Maternal grandparents are Ralph and Estelle Harrington of Newry. Paternal grandparents are Alden and Chris Graves of Dixmont, Maine and Laurel Graves and Ron Hogg of Brandon, Fla.

Aemelia joins her sister, Ali-sen, age 2 1/4.

Jasmine Fyrberg of Andover and Cole Palman of South Paris are pleased to announce the arrival of a baby boy, Collin Glenn Palman, born Dec. 11, 2010 at Stephens Memorial Hospital, weighing 7 pounds, 13 ounces.

Maternal grandparents are Lana Fyrberg of Andover and the late Glenn Fyrberg. Paternal grandparent is Cathleen Palman of South Paris.

Tanisha Damon of Andover and Aaron Stone of Peru are pleased to announce the arrival of a baby boy, Kayden Christopher, born on Dec. 22, 2010 at Stephens Memorial Hospital, weighing, 6 pounds, 15 ounces.

Maternal grandparents are Christopher and Michelle Damon of Andover.

Paternal grandparents are Jeffrey Stone of Peru and Wendy Hanson of Rumford.

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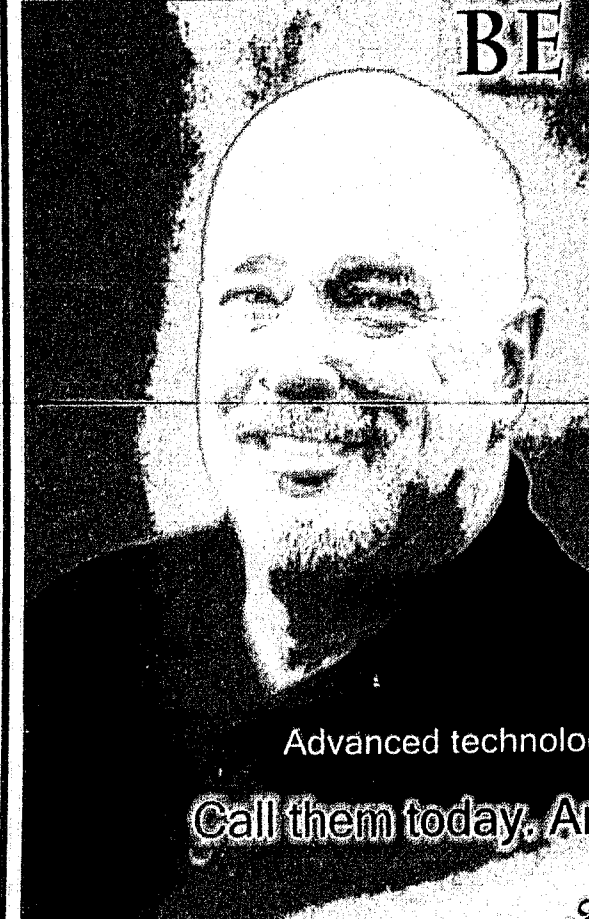
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